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**NO WELFARE
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THERE has been much talk in recent months about taxation in Hongkong and a belief current among businessmen that if there are no increases in the next budget there definitely will be in 1962. Unlike the local Quakers, we cannot honestly welcome the idea but the object of getting in a comment on this subject two or three months before Mr. Arthur Clarke introduces what is generally believed to be his last budget, is to tell him that there is absolutely no case whatever for any swingeing increases, however great the pressure from Labour MPs, Quakers, welfare groups or high Government officials out to build bigger and better empires.

One of the impressions which Labour MPs give is that taxation in Hongkong should approximate that of Britain. This is utter nonsense. Hongkong must resolutely resist attempts to introduce a welfare state which has cost the British taxpayer so dearly and which at the same time has sapped the vitality of the people and produced a sense of indolent, over-coddled self-satisfaction.

Disastrous

GOVERNMENT'S aim must be to encourage those who are willing to share the burden of providing social services, education, medical care, housing and essential community services and giving them as much freedom to operate and scope for initiative as possible. It would be disastrous to do otherwise. We have today itself given the public some idea of the cost of compulsory free education—\$533 million a year as well as \$477 million for buildings. Contrast this with the tolerably good system of education we have today and which is expected to cost this financial year about \$46 million, and there is really no need to think twice about a welfare state for Hongkong.

Only one other figure is necessary to expose the absurdity of the welfare state idea. Our total planned expenditure this year is only \$935 million—or \$76 million less than free education for the first year. The important thing to remember, moreover, is that part of the reason for Hongkong's industrial success is the sane and tolerable levels of taxation which make the colony an attractive place to invest in and give the investor the assurance that he will be able to reap a fair reward for his enterprise.

No changes

IN saying this we have no brief for big business, but simply recognise the important contribution it is making to Hongkong's economic prosperity. The question of whether any increase in taxation is necessary cannot be decided until the Government's proposals for the next financial year are known. There have been no changes in taxation since 1950-51. And in the same period Government has increased taxation revenue from almost \$62 million to more than \$193 million.

Certainly no reasonable person can expect Government to go on squeezing all the money it needs from existing sources of revenue. And as we appealed yesterday for a greater effort in retrenching and re-equipment, it is logical that Government should be given the means to attempt big and ambitious schemes and at the same time build the roads, hospitals, clinics, schools and research facilities that a rapidly growing population needs. But this has got to be done without bowing to the demands of those who want to see Hongkong taxed to the hilt. The public will be looking for this assurance when budget day together with the promise that this will remain the cornerstone of Government policy for as long as conditions allow.

King and Queen cut short Spanish honeymoon BAUDOUIN TACKLES CRISIS

Former U.S. defence employee arrested

Washington, Dec. 29. A former employee of the United States Defence Department was arrested today in Columbia, South Carolina, charged with stealing top secret documents, it was announced here today.

He was identified as Arthur Rogers Roddey, 39.

An announcement by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said Roddey was accused of stealing about 200 official documents.

Many of them carried security classifications ranging from "top secret" to "confidential."

The arrest was made on the basis of a complaint filed by the FBI charging Roddey on three counts of fraud and two counts of theft of government property.

Mr. Hoover said Roddey had top-secret clearance and access to highly-classified documents during his Defence Department employment.

TERMINATED

He said Roddey's employment was terminated last August because of a "reduction in force," then Roddey is alleged to have executed false affidavits about his retention of classified documents.

Later he was found to possess highly-secret defence papers and a valuable government tape recorder.

Roddey will be arraigned as soon as possible before a U.S. commissioner and if convicted on each of the five counts could receive a maximum of 28 years jail, a \$42,000 fine or both.

Katanga sticks to story

Elisabethville, Dec. 29. The United Nations here tonight described reports of a massacre of train passengers by Baluba tribesmen in the Congo's Katanga Province as "completely contrary to reality."

The statement was issued after Colonel Henry Byrne, Irish U.N. Commander in Elisabethville had made an on-the-spot investigation of the alleged incidents.

But the Katanga Government tonight stuck by its original story that the train, on its way from Elisabethville to Kamina, 250 miles away, had been attacked by Balubas at three places—Bukama, Nukulakulu and Luena.—Reuters.

Siberian cold wave hits Colony

Sharp drop in HK temperature

Hongkong experienced the coldest temperature this winter at 8 am today when the thermometer reading plunged to a new low of 47.3 degrees Fahrenheit. This represents a drop of 8.5 degrees from the 55.8 degrees recorded at the same time yesterday and is 3.2 degrees lower than yesterday's minimum of 50.5 at 10 pm.

A Royal Observatory spokesman told the China Mail this morning that today Hongkong is going through the peak of the cold spell caused by the cold surge from Siberia. It will warm up a little during the day but by night the temperature may drop a few degrees further as the crest of the cold wave passes through the Colony.

As from tomorrow, the temperature is expected to rise slowly and gradually.

Forecast for today: Fine. Fresh gusty northerly winds. Cold and cloudless.

Attempt to solve situation

Brussels, Dec. 30.

King Baudouin today faces a packed day of crucial consultations with strike-torn Belgium's leaders in an attempt to solve one of the worst outbreaks of anti-government violence in the country's history.

HOLIDAY PAPERS

The China Mail will be published as usual over the New Year holidays. There will, however, be only one edition on Monday, January 2, a public holiday. This will be published between 10.30 and 11 am.

The Sunday Post-Herald will be published as usual on January 1 but there will be no edition of the South China Morning Post on January 2.

The editor and staff of the China Mail wish readers a prosperous and happy New Year.

Blaze on the Thames

London, Dec. 29. Twenty-two families were evacuated from their homes with their dogs, cats, canaries and other pets when fire today turned a high stacked Thames side timber wharf into a raging sea of flame.

It took 300 firemen eight hours to control the blaze at Barking Creek, near here. Hence, warehouses and the cargo tanks of three oil companies were threatened as flames shot 100 feet high despite the water being poured on to the fire at a rate of 15,000 gallons a minute.

The evacuated families were spending the night on camp beds in a school next centre set up by voluntary workers.

Employees in a nearby office escaped down ladders when the building was engulfed by the flames.

When a blazing barge broke its moorings and swung out into the river towards the oil tanks a river police launch raced to the barge and pushed it back to the wharf.—Reuters.

Belgians, meanwhile, face the threat of no gas or electricity after the nation's private gas and electricity company, Gazeco, last night announced it would stop production unless provincial governors enforced adherence to regulations on supply cuts.

The 30-year-old monarch, who was married over two weeks ago and was not due back from his honeymoon with Queen Fabiola after three weeks, began consultations last night three hours after his return to Belgium from Spain, when he received the Belgian Eyskens, the Prime Minister, in Laeken Palace.

Extended

Royal consultations are usually extended to opposition leaders to present the Socialist Government's position in the three of a cabinet crisis and the King arbitrates at cabinet-forming.

The Catholic-Liberal Cabinet of Mr. Eyskens not being considered in immediate danger, the King would therefore normally confine consultations to his ministers and majority parliamentary leaders.

In view of the agreed gravity of the situation, however, usually well-informed sources said it "was not excluded" the King would receive the Socialists too. Harassed by power cuts, and reduced train, bus, tram and postal services, Belgians face the fourth day of the strike today and a mounting wave of sporadic violence.

Some sectors

As Government and Catholic courts reported increased return to work in some sectors—and Socialists increased absences—an estimated 15,000 strikers yesterday marched through Brussels blowing whistles, hurling thunderclashes, overturning cars, smashing windows and shouting for the Government to resign.

At one point, they were charged by snare-firing mounted police and gendarmes with rifles at the ready.

In Antwerp, police fired tear gas bombs into demonstrators for the second time during the strikes when the crowd tried to storm the railway station.

In Ghent, Socialists reported several strikers had been injured by police rifle bullets during a prolonged clash outside the Socialists' headquarters.

Red belt

Throughout the striking "red belt" in the south, where mine, steel works and factories continued to be idle, strikers committed further acts of sabotage, held up traffic with barricades and tried to prevent non-strikers from going to work.

In Brussels, foot-weary citizens learned that tram and bus employees had opted for a 24-hour continuation of their two-day strike, due to have ended last night.—Reuters.

GOVERNOR GOING TO SINGAPORE

The Governor, Sir Robert Black, will leave the Colony by air on Tuesday, for Singapore to attend the conference of Governors, administrators of British territories and British Ambassadors to foreign countries in the Far East, which is held every year and is attended regularly by the Governor of Hongkong.

Sir Robert will return to the Colony on January 8.

BONNIE BELL THE DING DONG GIRL

London, Dec. 29. A striptease artist was today alleged to have worn a G-string with a bell attached to it—and to have invited customers to ring the bell.

A police sergeant said the girl was known as "Bonnie Bell the Ding Dong Girl."

The sergeant was giving evidence in a magistrates court where Paul Raymond, proprietor of one of London's largest strip clubs, was charged with keeping a disorderly house.

Raymond, otherwise known as Geoffrey Quinn, pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence. He was released on bail of £100 until the next hearing on Monday.

ACTS DESCRIBED

The sergeant said that female dancers had appeared in the nude at "Raymond's Revue Bar" and he described several acts.

In one act, he alleged, a naked woman was whipped by a man dressed as a pirate. When asked what kind of emotion the women register during the act, the sergeant replied: "Satisfaction."—Reuters.

Differences over Laos situation

Washington, Dec. 29. The United States has been in disagreement with France and Britain on the best policy to be adopted by the three countries towards the situation in Laos.

The State Department spokesman continued today. The spokesman said that differences of viewpoint on this issue had emerged and were mainly over "means and methods." He said the three countries were fully agreed on the fundamental objective, which was to co-operate to preserve the integrity, independence and sovereignty of Laos.

Disagreements between the U.S. and its Atlantic allies over "a solution" for Laos were not serious, the spokesman said. The difficulty was to find a solution at once peaceful and realistic and which guaranteed the freedom of Laos and put an end to Communist interference there, he added.—AP.

K wants top-level talks at United Nations

London, Dec. 29.

Mr. Nikita Khrushchev has passed word to the West that he seriously wants summit-level talks at the United Nations next year on halting the world arms race.

Diplomatic authorities, reporting this, said the Soviet Premier also stressed Moscow's resolve to press for an East-West solution of the Berlin dispatch during 1961.

These attitudes were said to have highlighted Mr. Khrushchev's 90-minute talk last Monday with Britain's newly-arrived ambassador in Moscow, Sir Frank Roberts.

Restrained

Mr. Khrushchev appeared restrained during the discussions perhaps as an aftermath to his recent bout of influenza.

But, informants said, while his manner seemed subdued and even friendly he gave absolutely no ground for supposing that the Soviet Union at this time is ready to make any concessions on the "big diplomatic" issues dividing East and West.

Some authorities in this capital have formed the impression of one of Mr. Khrushchev's motives in urging early disarmament talks between heads of government at UN headquarters is to create a setting for informal exchanges with President-elect John Kennedy.—AP.

East-West German agreement

Berlin, Dec. 29. West and East Germany today agreed to extend their present trade agreement beyond the December 31 deadline, thus removing a potential danger to Western traffic to this divided city.

Agreement was reached today after a seven-hour session, the longest of nine sessions held between the West and East German representatives here on a new trade treaty.

The talks followed a West German announcement in September that it intended to cancel the trade agreement on December 31 because of East German travel restrictions on West Berlin.

The East Germans warned recently that there might be difficulties with rail traffic to Berlin if agreement was not reached.—Reuters.

TRAIN DERAILED

New York, Dec. 29. A 17-car southbound Northern Pacific passenger train carrying about 500 people was derailed here today, at Puyallup, Washington, DC. Twelve people were taken to hospitals but only three were injured seriously enough to remain there.—UPI.

ANCIENT SHIP FOUND

Sydney, Dec. 29.

An aquaplane diver off the Queensland coast suddenly found himself staring at the well-preserved wreck of a wooden sailing ship which may be that of the British frigate Pandora. The frigate went down in 1791 when taking 14 mutineers to Britain for trial.

Donald Smith, a Sydney yachtsman, who made the discovery, brought the ship's bell to the surface.

Today Dr. Colin Roderick, Australian author and historian, said the bell's inscription and the size of the ship indicated that it might be the "hullship" Pandora.

The mutineers aboard the ship were put in leg irons and cruelly treated. Four of them went down with the ship, when officers refused to remove their manacles.

Mr. Smith, who is now making arrangements to salvage the hull, made his lucky dive last month to free the anchor of a sloop.

OLD DESIGN
He described the ship as "a wooden vessel of old design in a remarkable state of preservation."

Its bell is two feet long, and weighs 40 pounds. It carries an inscription indicating that it was cast in 1711.

Mr. Smith's sloop, with the bell on board, under guard, is now at Thursday Island, just off the northern tip of Queensland and about 130 miles from a small island named Pandora entrance.

The captain of the Pandora, court-martialed after the loss of his vessel, left the navy and retired to Cornwall where he built the Pandora Inn which still maintains its 18th century appearance.

BOUNTY MUTINEERS
The mutineers aboard the Pandora were survivors of the Bounty mutiny, one of the most famous in British history. This occurred not far from Tahiti on April 28, 1789 when half the crew and some officers seized the Bounty and cast its despotic master, Captain Bligh and 18 others adrift in an open boat. The story was told in the film "Mutiny on the Bounty" starring the late Clark Gable and Charles Laughton.—Reuters.

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Man reported dead by mistake

Manchester, Dec. 29. A nurse's error plunged a family into mourning this Christmas. For more than 30 hours, Mrs. Mary Hughes believed herself a widow.

Her agony started on Christmas Eve and was not ended until the morning of December 30 when she called a Willingham Hospital to collect her husband's death certificate.

John Hughes, 65, was admitted to hospital early on Christmas Eve. His granddaughter was told over the telephone later that night that he had died. She broke the news to Louis Hughes, 42, who told his mother.

The family spent what they called "a miserable Christmas" then, calling at the hospital on December 30, they were told that John

Hughes was alive, and doing well.

A nursing sister had confused him with another John Hughes in the same ward who died on Christmas Eve, after three weeks in hospital.

"It was a tragic mistake," a hospital official admitted. "A letter conveying our deepest apologies has been sent to Mrs. Hughes and her family."—AP.

PRO-CASTRO PRIEST CHALLENGES CHURCH HIERARCHY

Havana, Dec. 29.

A pro-Castro priest suspended by the Roman Catholic Church has challenged the Church hierarchy to denounce anti-Castro terrorism.

The priest, the Reverend German Lence, told bank workers at a militia meeting: "I challenge as the Catholic priest I am and as a Christian those who have been writing pastoral letters to condemn the terrorism if they are Christians."

Top-ranking churchmen in the past few months have distributed pastoral letters warning against growing Communist influence in Cuba under Prime Minister Fidel Castro's administration.

TRAIN WRECK

More than 60 people were injured on Tuesday in a train wreck in the interior and a bomb explosion in a Havana department store, both of which police blamed on counter-revolutionaries.

Church authorities recently stripped Father Lence of most of his duties, such as saying Mass because of his statements hostile to the hierarchy. He has been especially critical of the church's attitude toward the dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista. —AP.

Modern jewellery exhibit

London, Dec. 29. Modern jewellery from about 20 different countries will be shown at a special exhibition here next year, the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths announce.

The company, a craftsmen's guild founded in the Middle Ages, said the exhibition to be held next October and November, would be the world's first major international exhibition of modern jewellery.

Jewels designed by modern artists such as Salvador Dali and Picasso would be shown with works of the late 19th and early 20th century by the American jeweller, Charles Lewis Tiffany, the Danish craftsman Georg Jensen, Rene Lalique of France and Carl Faberge, court jeweller to two Russian Czars.

London's Victoria and Albert museum is organising the exhibition jointly with the Goldsmiths company. —China Mail Special.

U.S. BUILDING LARGEST TELESCOPE

Washington, Dec. 29.

The world's largest solar telescope is now under construction—underground.

Heavy snow disrupts rail service

Tokyo, Dec. 30. Railway service was disrupted in parts of northern Japan today by three days of heavy snow.

The snowfall ranging up to eight feet in mountains facing the sea of Japan either halted trains or forced them to creep along at the start of Japan's busy New Year's holiday travel season. Snow plows and emergency shovel crews were rushed into action in an effort to restore normal service.

Tokyo had its first real taste of winter with temperatures ranging from 28 degrees (F) in the heart of the city to 17 degrees in suburban areas.

In Hokkaido, Japan's far north, the temperature dropped to 23 degrees below zero. —AP.

'Khrushchev' to die

Oran, Dec. 29. The Oran armed forces tribunal today condemned to death nine Algerian rebel terrorists, including a hatchet murderer nicknamed "Khrushchev." The terrorists were found guilty of a series of attacks which caused four deaths and serious injuries to five people. —AFP.

Being built for the National Science Foundation at the Kitt Peak National Observatory, Tucson, Arizona, the telescope will reflect the image of the sun through a 380-foot-long shaft being bored in the top of the peak.

The purpose of the telescope is to form images of the sun several times larger and more "brilliantly illuminated" than those formed by other solar telescopes, foundation officials said.

Dr A. Keith Pierce, Associate Director of the solar programme for the observatory, said the instrument will be used in research "to learn more about sunspots and solar flares, phenomena which affect radio and other forms of communication on earth."

He called the \$4 million telescope a significant "astronomical research advantage for this nation." —UPI.

Warmest in 70 years

Moscow, Dec. 29. Moscow's warm December weather ended today when snow fell on the Soviet capital.

Director of the Central Weather Institute B. Bugayov told Pravda that for at least 70 years of recorded weather history Moscow has never had such a warm December.

He explained that the warm air came from the Mediterranean and that as there "is no snow covering Europe, nothing cooled it on its way to Russia." —UPI.

Mirror group takes over

London, Dec. 29. The Mirror group of newspapers announced today the purchase of the two leading publications in British Guiana—the Daily Graphic and the Sunday Graphic.

The announcement said Mr Percy Roberts, now in charge of Mirror group interests in Nigeria, would manage the two-paper enterprise in Guiana.

The Mirror group also owns newspapers in Ghana and Sierra Leone. —AP.

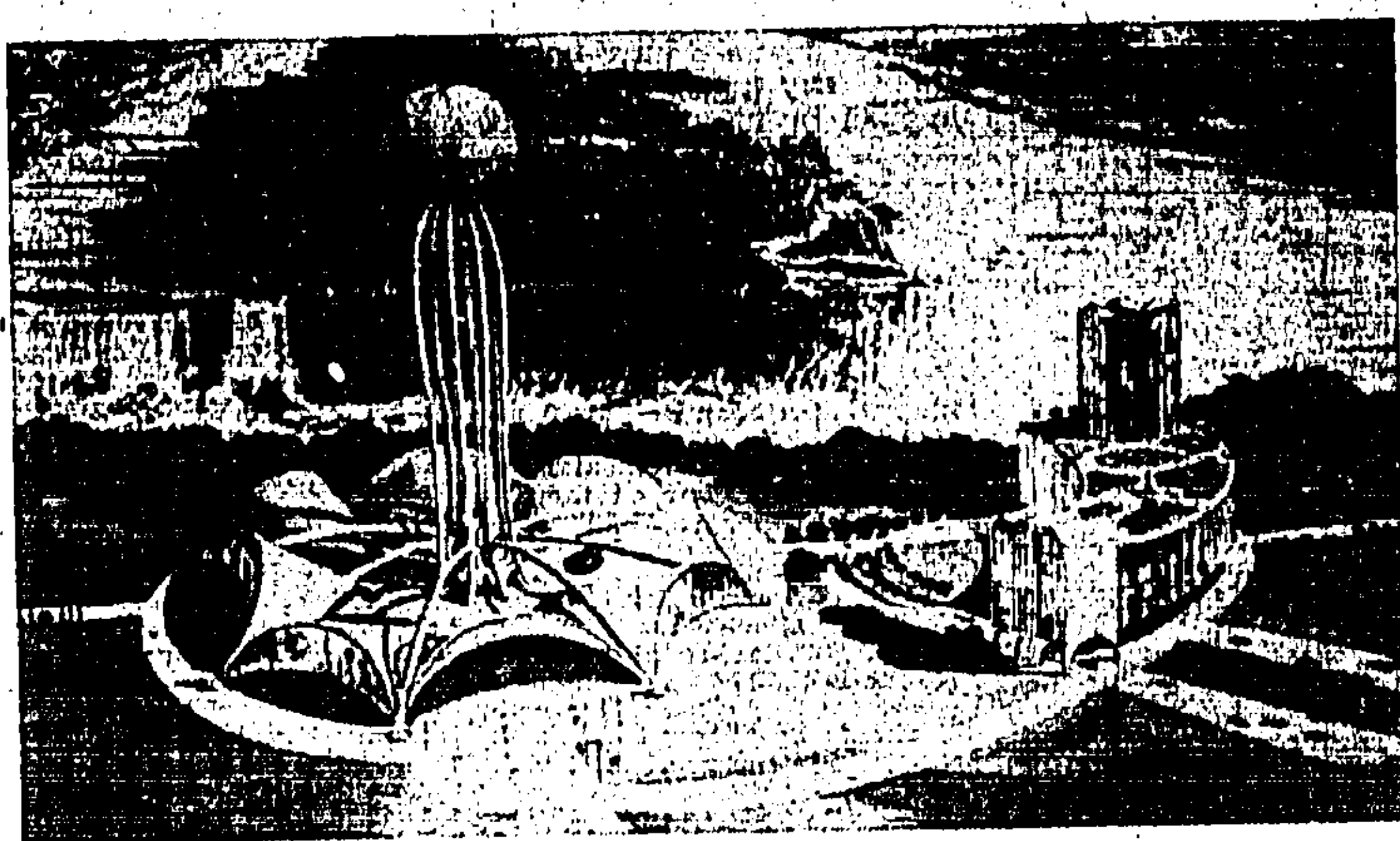
CHARGES DENIED

Belgrade, Dec. 29. Yugoslav officials today denied Chinese charges that attempts had been made on the life of a Communist Chinese newspaperman while travelling in a car in Yugoslavia earlier this month. An unidentified object hit the car's windscreen but the windscreen was not broken, Yugoslav officials said. The car was passing near a construction site at the time. —AFP.

Pre-historic animals

London, Dec. 29. Council workers, digging a new sewer in the working class district of Hackney, in London's East End, have found remains of straight-tusked elephants, wild horses and members of the giant ox or bison family. All believed to have disappeared Britain 200,000 years ago. —Reuters.

Global exhibition centre



A great "Canadian Global Centre" is planned for Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, to provide space for a permanent exhibition area where the nations of the world can display the customs, arts and legends of their respective societies. The essential design of the Centre is by Nat Winickoff, one of the designers of Disneyland, California. Picture shows the Centre, topped by a 400-foot observation tower housing a revolving dining room in the globe at the summit. The International Hotel on the right provides convention halls as well as first class accommodation. The multi-million dollar project is expected to be completed by 1963. —Express Photo.

Man wanted

Montgomery, Dec. 29. John B. Thomas asked the Missing Persons Bureau here yesterday to locate his brother-in-law, David Johnson. He said Johnson left town four years ago to avoid paying a \$1 traffic ticket. —UPI.

Christopher Columbus

Hartford, Dec. 29. Christopher Columbus was a broadshouldered, robust man, about five feet eight inches tall, with a large head, and suffered considerably from arthritis, according to Dr Charles Goff, an orthopaedic surgeon who teaches at Yale Medical School. In a report to the Archaeological Institute of America, he said remains he examined in the Dominican Republic were "quite clearly those of the explorer." —China Mail Special.

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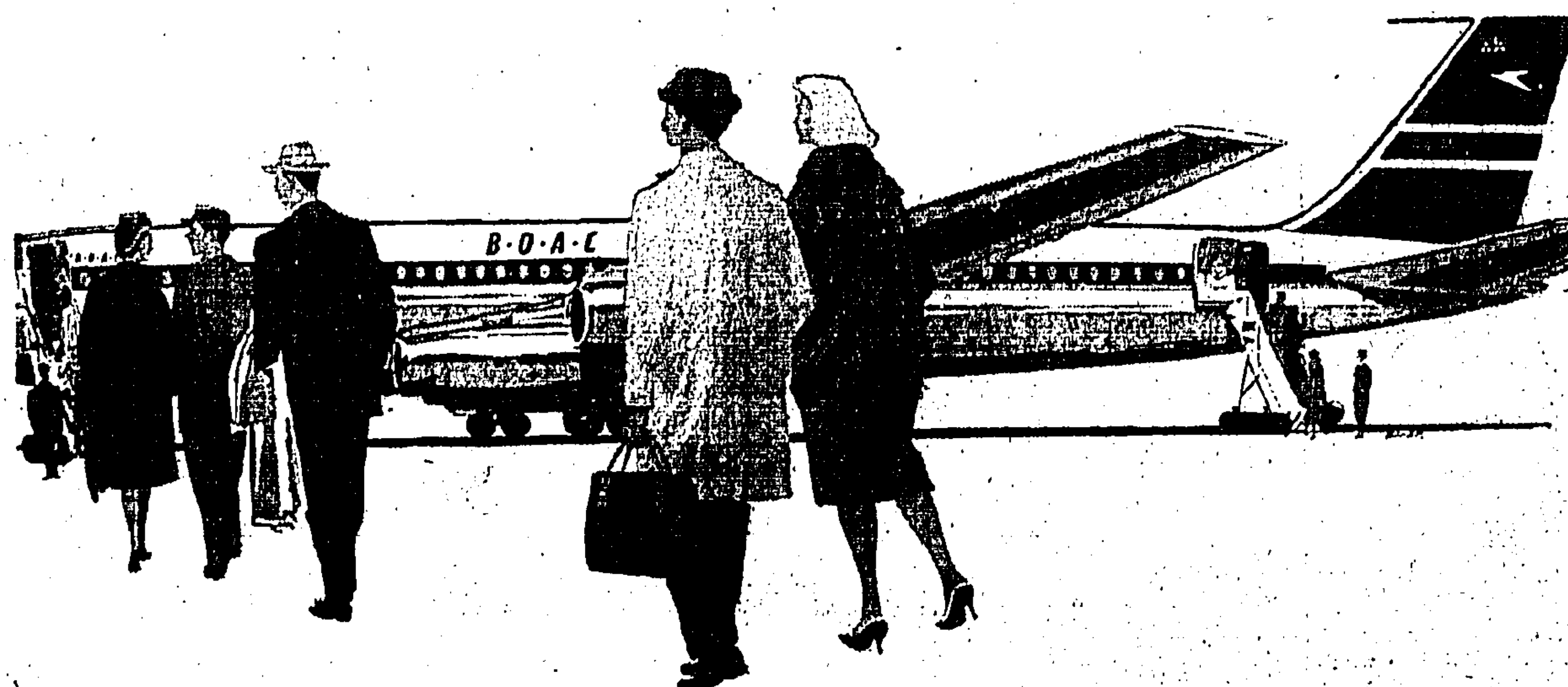
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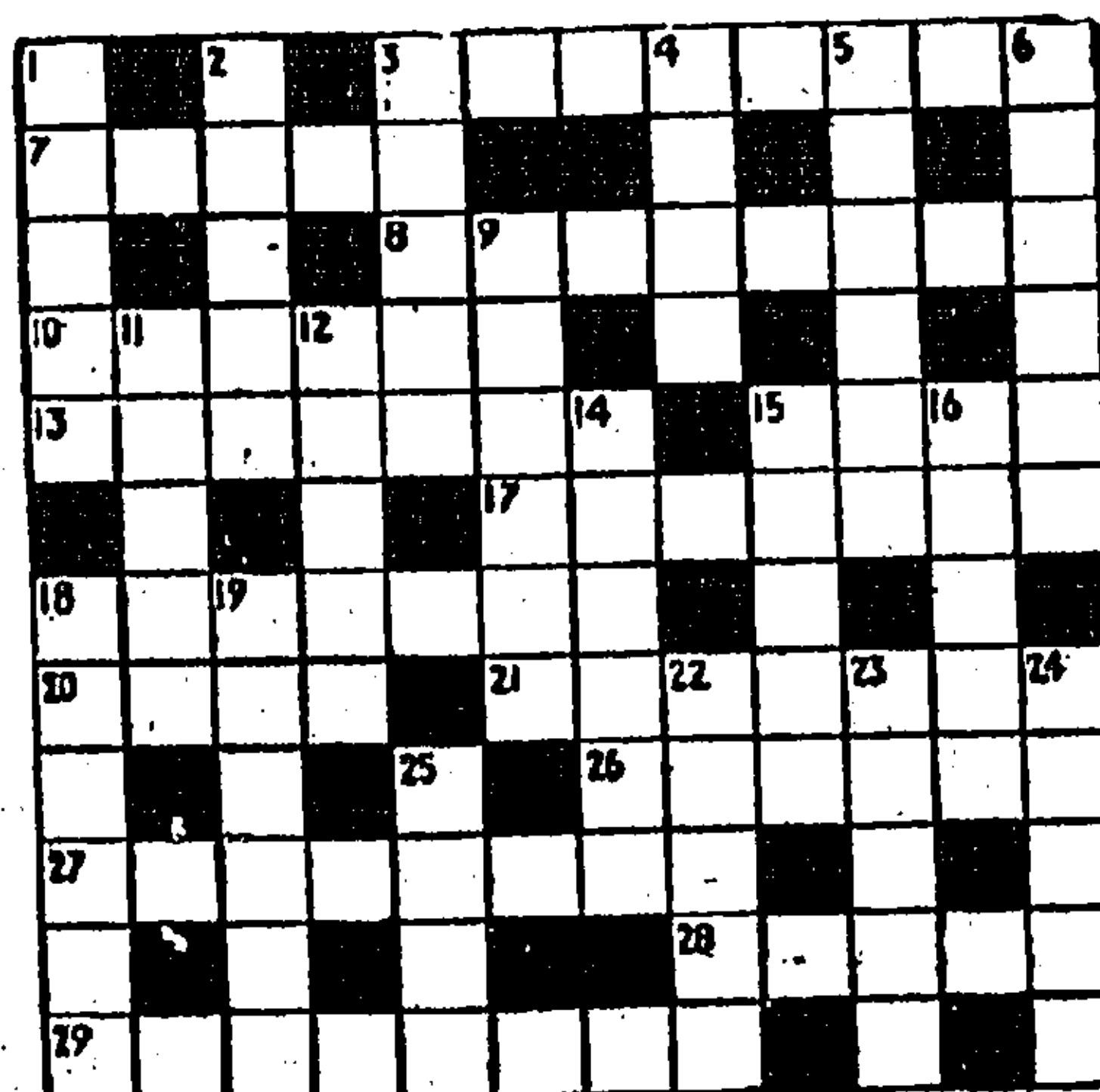
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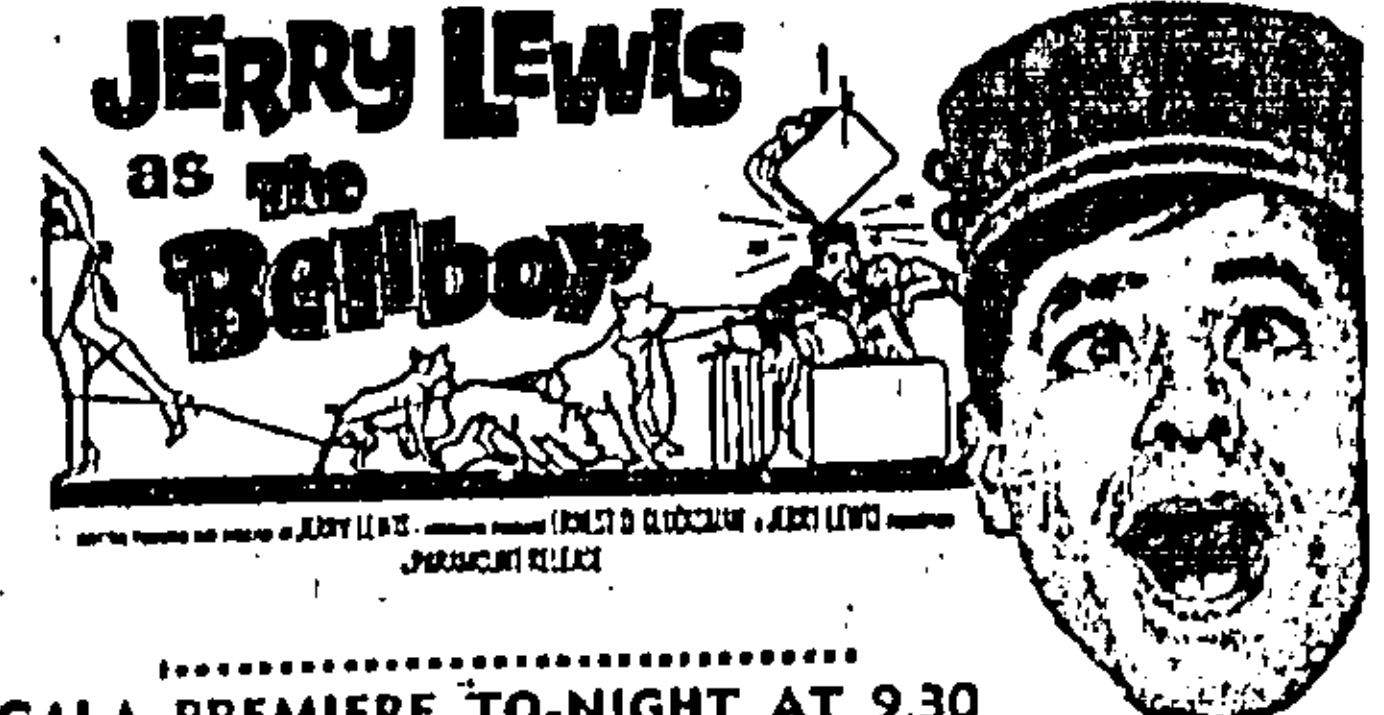
ACROSS
3 Rhyming jingles. (8)
7 Marx brother. (5)
8 Deep-toned soloist. (8)
10 Go back to. (6)
13 Legal process. (7)
16 Declare firmly. (4)
17 Girls hate them. (7)
18 Till the end of time. (7)
20 Unproductive. (4)
21 Absorb all the attention. (7)
26 Side of the hour. (6)
27 First-class. (3, 5)
28 Apple splitter, we've heard tell. (5)
29 Score. (8)

DOWN
1 As a needle? (5)
2 Good show! (5)
3 It's a reptile. (5)
4 A good match. (4)
5 Develop naturally. (6)
6 Yours to tell the truth. (6)
9 Labour peer. (8)
11 It's easily made. (5)
12 Flowed out. (5)
14 Really deserved. (6)
15 Wordplay. (5)
16 Wipe from memory? (5)
18 Like that calf. (6)
19 Jack-knifer? (6)
22 Gather together. (5)
23 Not secret. (5)
24 Whiter than white? (5)
25 She has a flag. (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Moscow, 5 Rains, 8 River, 9 Locket, 10 Vowel, 11 Seven, 12 Mice, 13 Reins, 16 Records, 18 Evaded, 20 Doris, 22 Pies, 23 Shots, 25 Rains, 26 Moving, 27 Cries, 28 Cross, 29 Sounds. Down: 1 Milk-maid, 2 Speller, 3 Ore, 4 Widened, 5 Revered, 6 Afraid, 7 Dwell, 14 Aviation, 15 Messages, 16 Rishers, 17 Centres, 19 Visits, 21 Order, 24 So-so.

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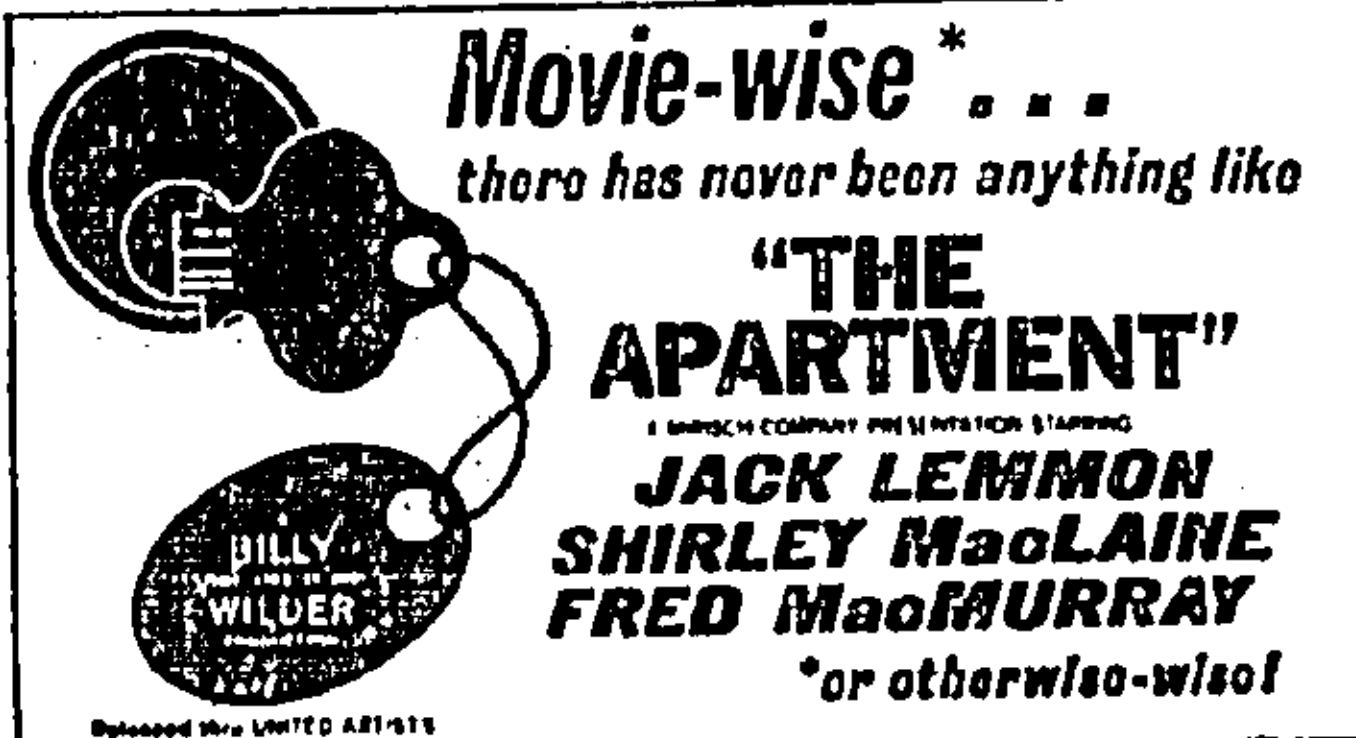
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INDIANS DONATE \$28,800 FOR WRY

A further boost was given to Hongkong's World Refugee Year fund this morning, when members of the Indian Chamber of Commerce and the India Association presented a cheque for \$28,800 to the fund's executive secretary, Miss Madge Newcombe.

The cheque was given to Miss Newcombe by the Hongkong Council of Social Service, by the Chairman of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Mr. H. N. Hurlford. Also present were Mr. H. D. Barna, Mr. I. P. Gohel and Mr. A. E. Thomas.

The amount was made up of donations from 40 members of the Indian Community. "This is really wonderful," said Miss Newcombe, "and it carries the fund well past the \$800,000 mark."

New building plan examined

Tenancy Tribunal comprising Mr. Brian V. Rhodes, Mr. John T. Lock and Mr. Chan Hing-wo, this morning examined plans for the reconstruction of No. 40, Elgin-street, Victoria, by a modern six-storey structure costing \$800,000.

Mr. Au-yeung Kai, architect for the owner, Mr. Law Kin-yan, described the existing three-storey house as "being 50 years old."

Noisy driver

A driver, Mok Lam, who sounded his car horn unnecessarily in a silent zone was fined \$10 by Mr. T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court this morning.

HONGKONG'S \$794,119 FOR REFUGEES

The World Refugee Year Committee of Hongkong has collected the sum of \$794,119 to build a community centre at Chai Wan.

At present the Committee is waiting for confirmation of the site from the Government. As soon as this is forthcoming the community centre will be built.

This centre will contain facilities of all kinds, trade training, some form of children's milk distribution, or meals, a day nursery, play centre, library, some town of case work, and other amenities. A number of people in Canada have contributed to the funds to enable a children's centre, or children's work to be provided.

The fund remains open and contributions can still be sent to 47 Davis House, 4th floor, Hongkong.

dear sir
Savage justice?

Your correspondent, 'Disgusted' is obviously carried away on the tide of his emotions. His sentiments are naive and unrealistic.

Like all strong characters, the Lion of Judah and his illustrious ancestor Solomon are men of direct action and believe in making the punishment fit the crime.

When one starts in to overthrow a Government, one takes a calculated risk and should one's efforts fail, one does not anticipate living to a ripe old age.

What seems to irk 'Disgusted' most is that the bodies of the executed leaders were put on public exhibition. Not all peoples are as sensitive as your correspondent and I have, on several occasions, been present at public executions and are calculated to deter others who may have similar ideas as to their future actions.

Certain it is that in those countries, and there are many, where retribution is certain and expeditious, crimes of violence are considerably less than in those countries where the sympathies of the people are with the criminal, regardless of what the "anti-capital punishment" people would have one believe.

The Emperor had a very good idea that had the "coup" succeeded it would have been his body which was placed on display.

I would remind 'Disgusted' that all through history execution has been recognised as the right and fitting punishment for crimes of violence and in the old days one did not have the benefit of a bullet or a hanging. One was stoned to death and one can hardly imagine a more vicious or messy end. This also was carried out in public.

In conclusion, I would draw 'Disgusted's' attention to the Holy Scriptures for guidance in this matter. Exodus Chapter XX gives us GOD'S commandments including verse 13— "Thou shalt not kill". Chapter XXI however outlines the various penalties to be enacted upon those who break the commandments and starts with these words, "Now these are the judgements which thou

shalt set before them". I remind 'Disgusted' to verses 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17. There is nothing arbitrary about it and it is GOD'S own ordinance.

I wonder how 'Disgusted' would have handled the situation had he been Emperor of Ethiopia and while away on tour, a gang of rebels had attempted to depose him from the throne and threatened his life. But probably, as I suspect, 'Disgusted' is not of regal stature or a born leader of men.

COL. F. T. HARRINGTON.

dear sir

German culture

In a roundabout fashion P. W. makes a request for German culture on Radio Hongkong. I have always derived great enjoyment from music and literature from this source, but I think it should be presented without the aid of a chatty half-hour.

German culture comes in many guises, those who experienced the 1939-45 variety, although not anti-German, may be slightly opposed to German half-hours.

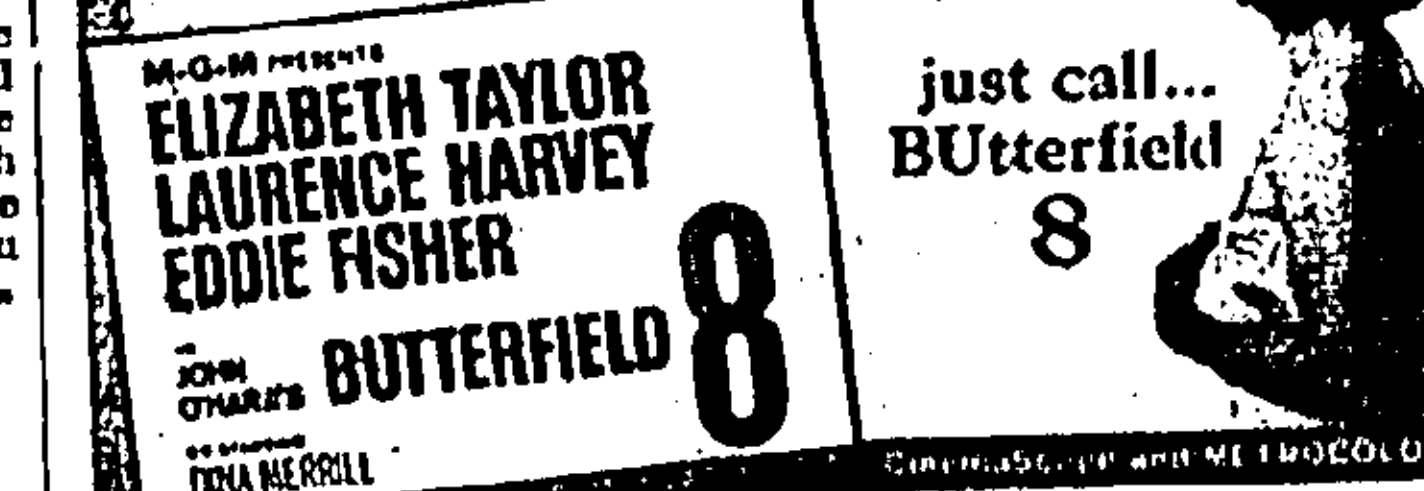
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Hunt for "apeman" in NT

Police yesterday and again today conducted a big search in the woods in the Pat Heung district, near Kam Tin, for a murder suspect.

At noon yesterday, countrymen lighted an "apeman" in the woods dressed in rags with a long beard and unkempt hair, and moving along furtively as if in search of food.

On being approached by villagers, the "apeman" fled. The villagers reported the discovery to the police.

For eight hours from 4 p.m. onwards, more than 100 policemen with a number of tracking dogs combed the forest and hillside but no trace of the stranger could be found.

The police ordered the search in the belief that the "apeman" might be the runaway murderer of a country girl, Lau Yuk-lan found dead with stab wounds west of Castle Peak about three months ago.

The murderer is still at large.

New road almost completed

The road through the former Royal Naval Dockyard should be ready for use in two months' time when the remaining 600 feet of roadwork is expected to be completed.

The thoroughfare linking Commaght-road Central with Gloucester-road is complete except for the eastern section.

The section under construction at present stretches eastwards from in front of the eastern gate of the new Royal Naval Dockyard.

Work remaining to be done includes an underground culvert, sewers, water and power mains, and demolition of a couple of old Dockyard houses before the actual construction of roadbed and road surface.

'WEEK IN HEAVEN' FOR 150 CHILDREN

About 150 underprivileged children will be able to "spend a week in heaven" thanks to a donation of US\$350 from the stewards department of the President Wilson.

The money, which was handed over to a Government social worker today, will be used to send some of the underprivileged children in the Colony to the Silvermine Bay Holiday Camp on Lantau Island.

It costs exactly HK\$12.00 to send one child to the camp for one week, providing transportation, four meals a day and a bed.

The money was collected by the Chinese members of the Stewards Department of the President Wilson on its present trip from America.

The cash was handed over by the stewards representative, Mr. Au-wah Wuu, to Miss Dorothy Lee, Principal Officer (Youth Welfare), of the Government Social Welfare Department.

Government Appointments

The following appointments, transfers, promotions and postings were notified in today's Government Gazette:

Mr. E. P. W. Morgan resumed duty as Assistant Director of Public Works on return from leave; Mr. F. A. Fisher, Chief Engineer, ceased to act as Assistant Director of Public Works; Mr. H. D. Stead, Assistant Chief Engineer, ceased to act as Chief Engineer; Mr. A. H. Wilkins, Engineer, ceased to act as Assistant Chief Engineer; Mr. R. H. Hopper to be Quantity Surveyor, PWD; Mr. Ng Kua to be Electrical Inspector, Class I, PWD.

Miss D. Pattison, Senior Nursing Sister, ceased to act as Matron, Class II, on assumption of duty by Miss E. M. McGibbon; Miss S. M. Ward to be Sister Tutor; Mr. R. A. Duncan to be Dental Officer.

Miss B. M. O'Rourke ceased to be Labour Officer on leave prior to resignation; Mr. Wong Tai-wo to act as Labour Officer; Mr. L. W. Brace, to act as Superintendent of Prisons during the absence of Mr. R. S. Rosen.

Mr. F. W. Perry to be Senior Stores Officer.

The following government officers have been confirmed to the permanent and pensionable establishment:

Mr. P. E. Short, Engineer, PWD; Mr. T. D. Potty, Estate Surveyor, PWD; Mr. G. J. Bentley, Land Surveyor, PWD; Mr. Wong Kai-fou, Dr. Leong Sing-sai, Dr. Joseph Hahn, Ming-sig, Dr. Wong Chung-wai, Dr. Cheung In-kei, Dr. Yeung Chung-ming, Dr. Wong Wing-tze and Dr. D. Herbert, Medical Officers; Miss H. J. Russell, Education Officer (Women); and Mr. L. Williams, Senior Treasury Accountant.

Stole camera from sailor

Private Peter Preston of the Army Catering Corps stole a camera belonging to an American sailor he met in a bar last night.

At Kowloon Court this morning, Preston was fined \$150 and bound over in \$200 for 12 months when he admitted the charge.

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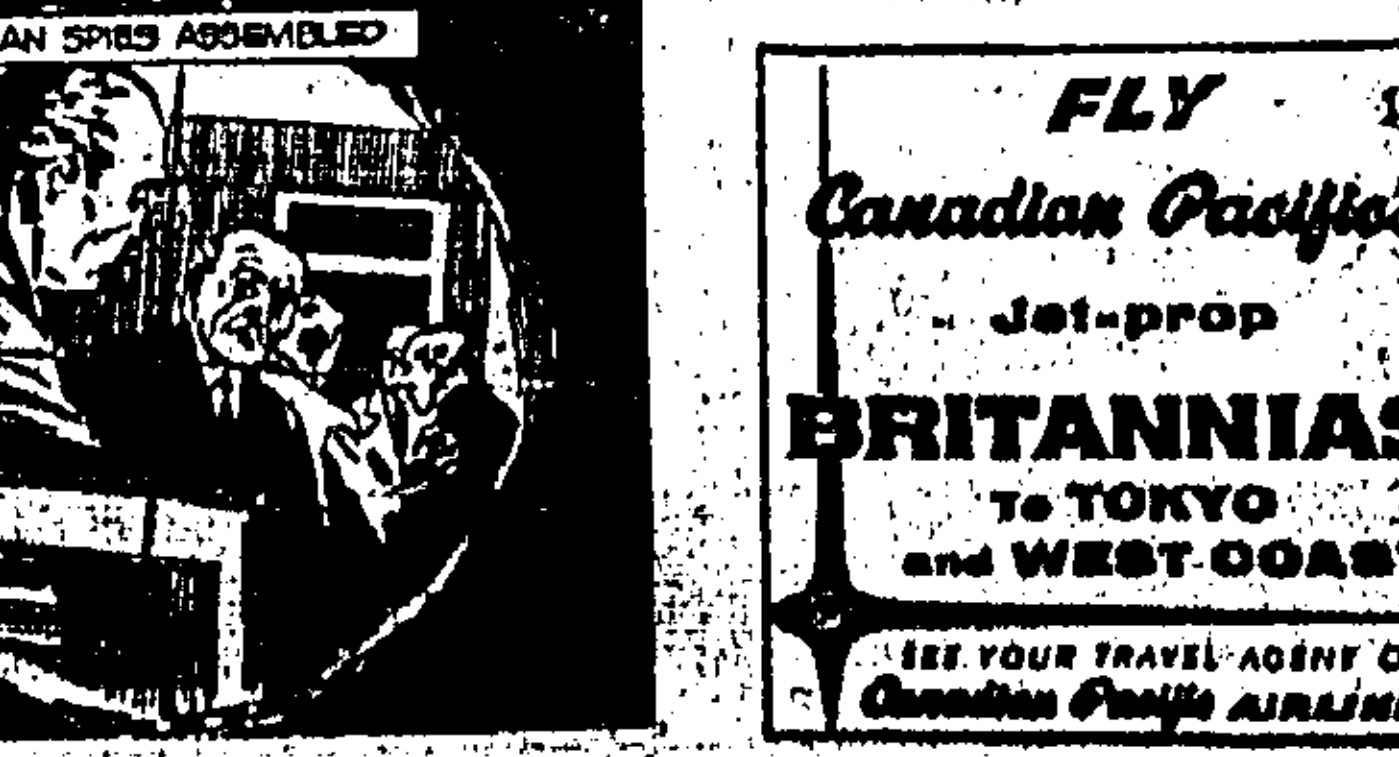
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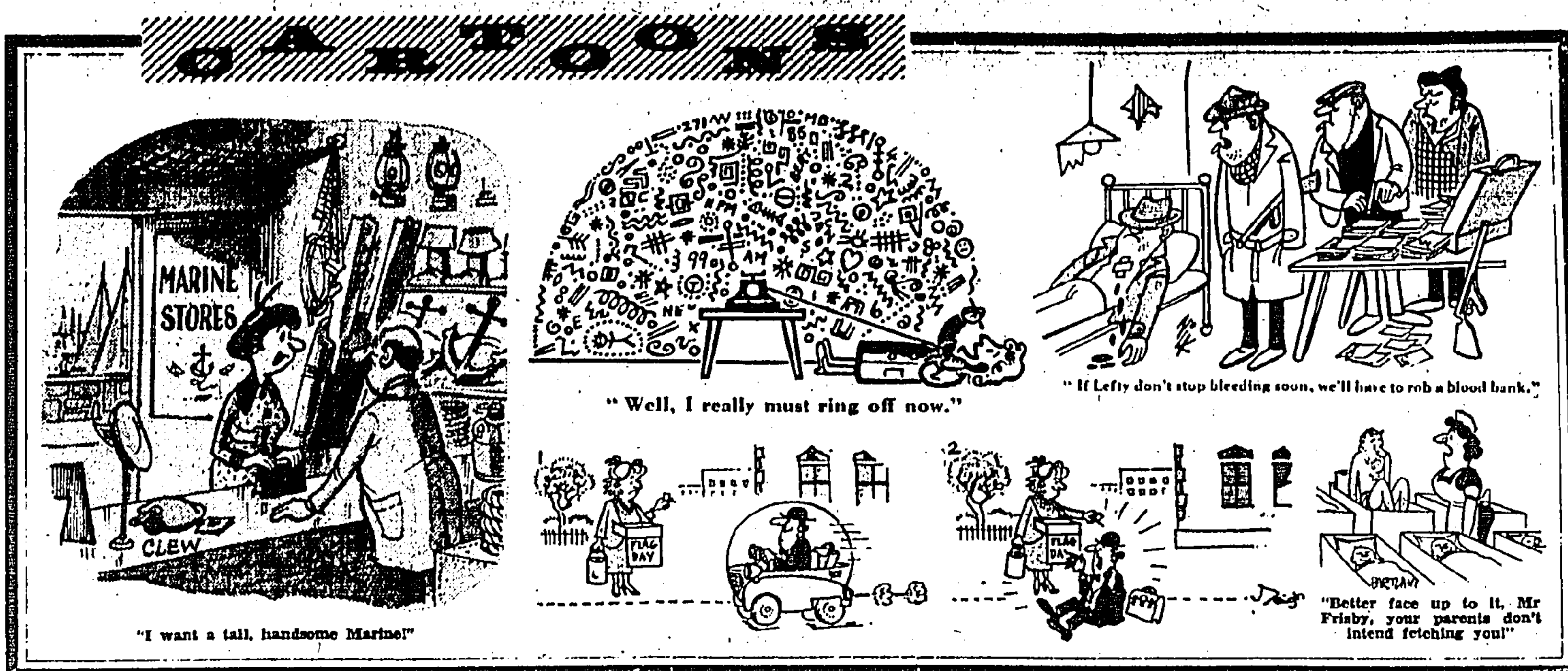
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ANY TIME NOW THE BIG ROW WILL BE BREAKING AGAIN

Piccadilly: leave it as it is— vital and vulgar!

BY FRANK HOAR

THE wrangle over the future of Piccadilly Circus—which has died down pending the preparation of an advisory scheme by our foremost town planner—is about to start again.

Threats and counter-threats have flown between the owner of the Monico site and the LCC, and renewed combat is likely in the near future.

One of the leading architects in Britain has seen fit to defend Mr. Cotton's Monico scheme—above the shrill yelping of the critics and the deep baying of the Royal Fine Art Commission—but in the quiet between the storms it may well be asked: should the appearance of Piccadilly Circus as an architectural entity be planned at all?

There are many good and serious reasons why it should not.

As the amusement centre of London and, indeed, of the Commonwealth, it occupies a position that is, to say the least of it, unique, and to which no other centre of entertainment can adequately compare.

The lights

It is almost exclusively made up of theatres, cinemas, restaurants and places of entertainment that are almost completely covered by a scintillating spangle of neon lights and advertisements.

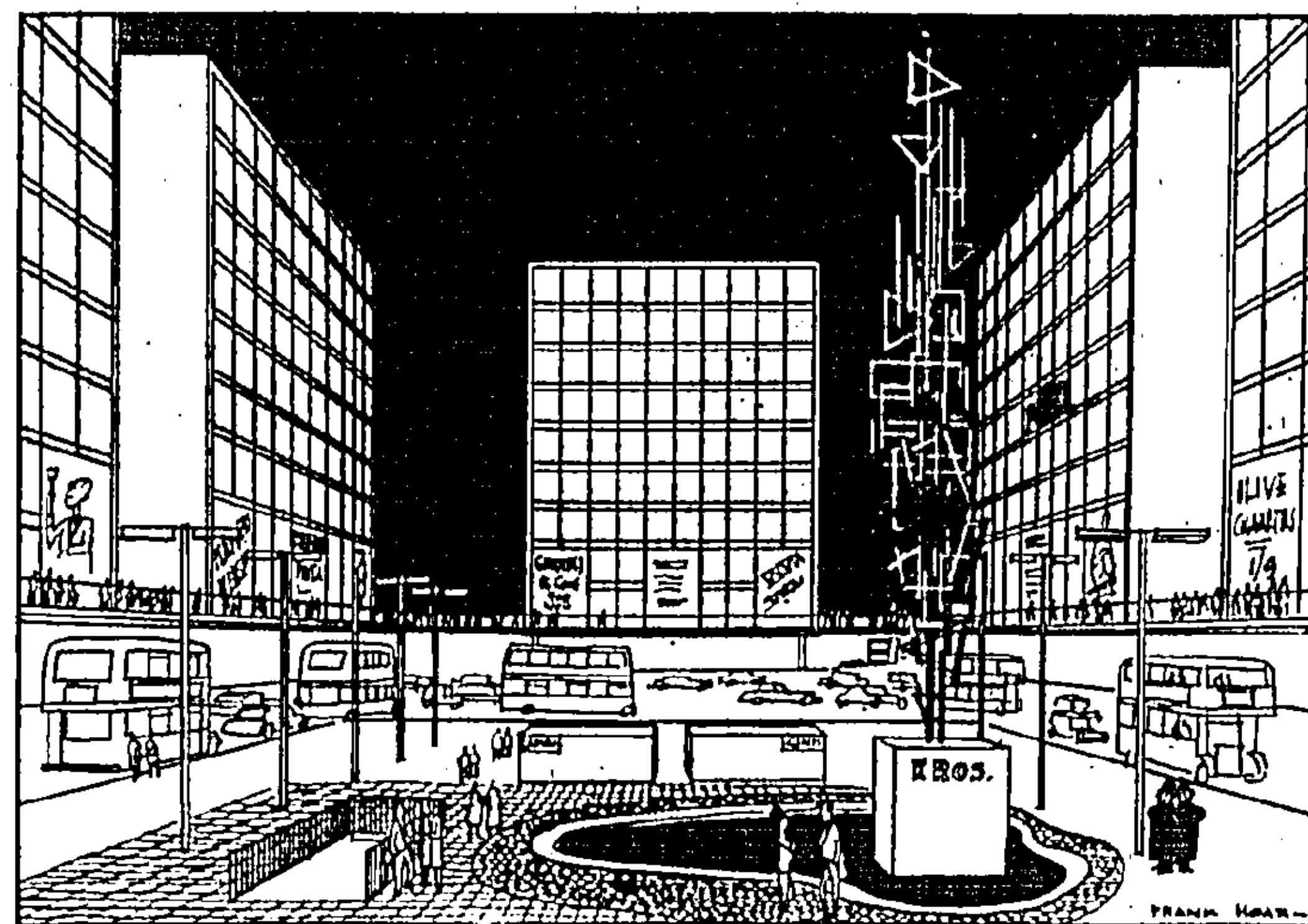
It is brash, vulgar and exuberantly alive, and it occupies a place in the life of London that could never be adequately replaced.

None can deny that the appalling traffic situation there could be greatly improved, or that pedestrian conditions could be made far safer, more convenient or more attractive.

The lease for the London Pavilion expires in a few years and the site will be thrown into a new open space which will be extended considerably to the south and east. A great central roundabout and widened carriageways will ease the traffic pressure and quicken its flow. All this is urgently necessary and, indeed, vital, and every effort should be made to expedite the new layout of the Circus and the surrounding roads.

A threat

Meanwhile, Mr. Jack Cotton complains of heavy losses due to the sterilisation of the Monico site.



Encouraged by the LCC in his original design, the forces of planning have now veered completely against him and he is faced by a threat of compulsory purchase should he attempt to salvage the remains of his venture.

On the face of it, his case deserves a certain sympathy, but this is no argument for or against this particular and individual problem.

The fact remains that, should the planners have their way, and if every building and advertisement is made to conform to a preconceived and rigid design, the only possible satisfaction will be shared by a few officials whose interest in the appearance of the Circus is purely academic.

It is not, for them, the live and glowing centre of London

Planners' dream, citizen's nightmare: how Piccadilly could look.

life that it is to millions of Londoners and Englishmen.

They can never, by the cold and bloodless application of town planning acts and precepts, hope to recapture, once lost, the spontaneous gaiety and the natural, pulsating vitality of this bawdy and brilliant architectural bauble.

Clear case

One may as well imagine English art without its Hogarths and its Rowlandsons, Shakespeare without Falstaff or London itself without the Cockneys.

Opinion on what is good or what is bad in design is

always a matter for the individual and is always open to question, whether the arbiters of taste are the millions of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government or the prosperous and potent gentlemen who comprise the Royal Fine Art Commission.

Moreover, once the buildings are covered with the inevitable advertisements it may be difficult to decide whether the architecture is early Christian or late Corbuser.

Subject to the necessary building laws and the structural controls of the London Building Acts—with limitations on the height and bulk of the buildings—there is a clear case where the future appearance of Piccadilly Circus should and could be left to the architects and designers of each individual site.

And apart from the details of decency and clean food the entertainers and restaurateurs can be relied upon to provide what they know the public will enjoy and pay for. (London Express Service).

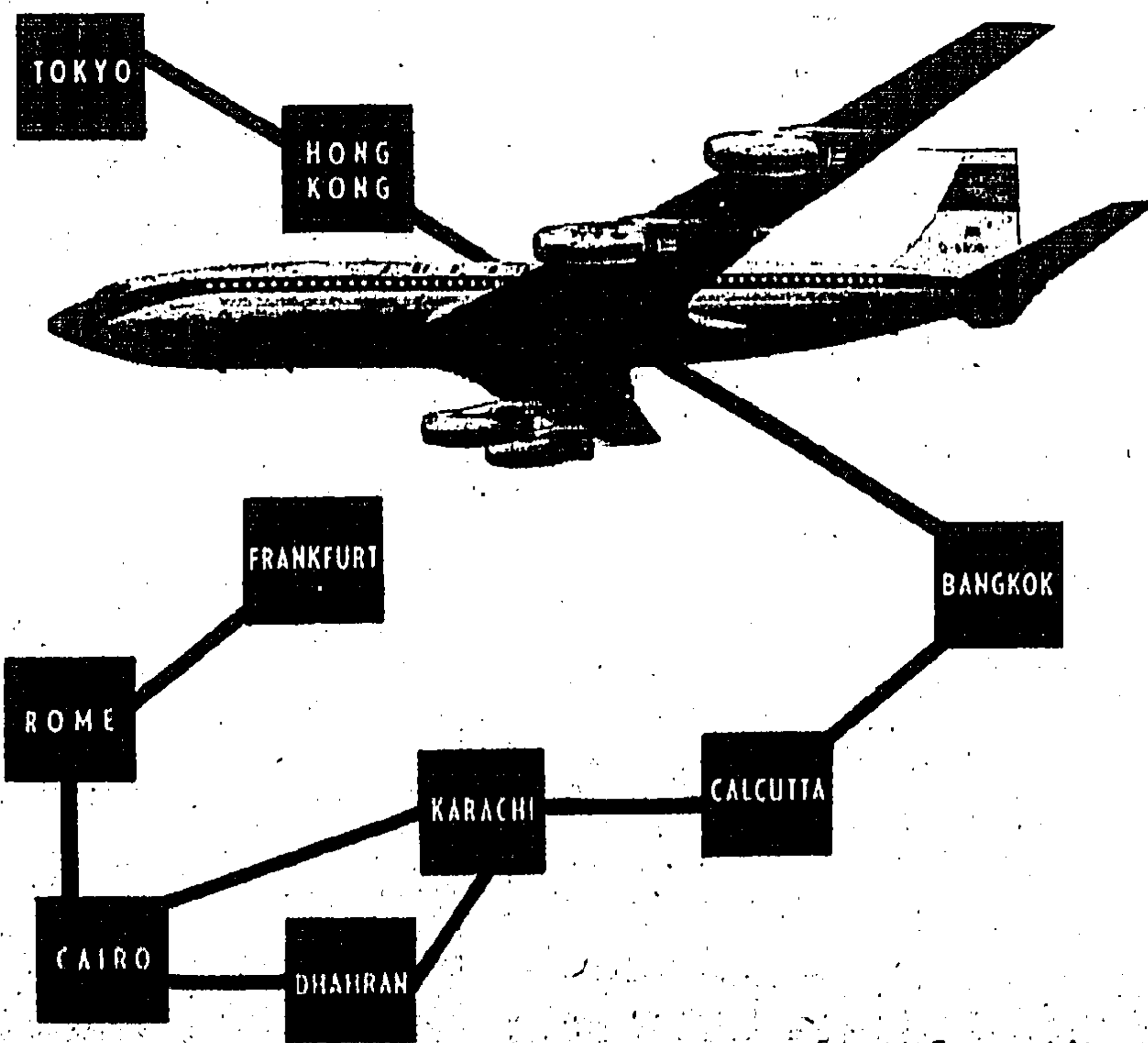
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U.S. PLANS A PILOTLESS GERM-WAR PLANE

By PETER WOON

AMERICA is working on a pilotless plane for use in germ and chemical warfare. The plane, a new version of the Army's SD-2, is being developed to carry 233 lb. of germ agents over ranges of up to 115 miles.

The plane will have doors in the bottom of the fuselage "to enable it to perform chemical or biological agent dissemination missions for the U.S. Army Chemical Corps," says the latest edition of "Jane's Aircraft."

The manufacturers, Aerojet-General of California, have already reached an agreement with the Bristol Aeroplane Company for joint development of products.

This is the first indication that laboratory experiments with germ warfare have been extended to the development of vehicles to carry germs.

The SD-2 is powered by a single conventional engine and was originally designed for reconnaissance. Its first version is ready for service. (London Express Service).

WOMANSENSE

Where did you get that hat?

THERE used to be two kinds of hat that a woman could choose when she was shopping around for something new: The ugly-smart hat or the little number that was frankly silly and frivolous.



A close fitting cap in burgundy velvet encased in black wire veiling, which joins the brim. The hat was designed by Peter Shepherd of Woollands, and is worn here by Brenda.

By
JANE ROGERS

But all that is changed now. For the first time in years hats are coming our way which are pretty and chic at the same time, which need not massacre your hairdo, either.

The pretty-smart hat may be a modified version of the cockade designed specially for the warmer weather. It is made from swansdown in white or black and can be obligingly pushed into any shape you care to make it.

There is also a swansdown beret which has just the right amount of off-the-chic to make it a sure-fire success with the model girls.

The pretty-smart hat can be a softened version of the bowler, so gay that you would hardly recognise it. It has a crown like an upturned pudding basin, and a tiny rolled brim and it is, as likely as not, trimmed with a gigantic rose. The new-style bowler is the kind of hat you can wear with a suit or with a dress, and it looks right both ways.

The pretty-smart hat may be two-tons—the newest idea to date. The crown is one fabric, draped spotted silk perhaps, or coarse straw or even shantung. The brim is of something completely different, probably felt or velvet, in a colour which complements but does not match the crown.

I've seen a cloche in a coffee colour banded with cream, and a white felt hat with a crown of polka-dotted olive green. Such are the tenses, smartest colour combination of all is an old faithful—navy and white.

The pretty-smart hat for the young is without a doubt the casual beret, made now in fake leather. It is cut baker-boy fashion but has a higher, puffed crown and a bigger brim, trimmed with a tailored bow. It is a long time now since the

beret was in fashion, but look out for it—it is making a comeback.

★ ★ ★
WHAT'S new about children's clothes this season? Colour—that's what. The British children's wear designers have bowed to the demand from a mothers both here and overseas and started producing dresses in really vivid colour schemes.

Like the bright red pinafore dress I saw, trimmed with minute white bows from hem to top, or another in royal blue with poodles applied to the skirt. The boys are not overlooked either—the favourite fabric for small-size trousers in a vivid red tartan.

★ ★ ★
The twelve and thirteen-year-olds are being put into sophisticated abstract prints. The best-selling number at one wholesale house was a gay shirt-waister in a surprisingly grown up brown smudge print.

★ ★ ★
A boxful of bows to clip onto plain court shoes. Made from black organza, satin, plaid taffeta and velvet, they come in an assortment of colours, are sewn onto tiny spring clips.

For the girl who likes pretty things, a pair of gaily printed sheets and a printed nightgown to match. The favourite theme is a long-stemmed rose.

A tiny box of gold lip gloss which you smooth on over your lipstick to make your mouth glitter when you talk—strictly for Beatniks, this one.



Silk shantung makes a cocktail coat that is trimmed with deep fox cuffs by Marksmoor.

LADY LUCK

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Confidence in your own ability should not make you contemptuous of those less capable than yourself.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): A domestic issue may lead to an unpleasant dispute, unless you give in for once to avoid arguments.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you are under an obligation to settle a debt, don't postpone it any longer, as it will be no easier to part with the money later on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let the flattery of a business rival blind you to the possibility that he may be seeking his own advantage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Another person's notable success in a similar field to yours will give you an incentive to intensify your efforts.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): If you want to gain the confidence of a prospective employer, you must be frank about yourself and give him all the facts he needs to know.

LEO (July 22-August 21): By being completely above-board you will be able to clear up an unpleasant misunderstanding with a colleague.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): The sum total of a very loquacious person's chatter will bring you no nearer to knowing him for what he really is.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): A person born under Aries will not prove the right companion for you, and it would be better to break off the relationship in its early stages.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 22): If a young person's response to your attempts to guide him continues to be negative, you might just as well save your time and effort.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Don't let someone who is hardly competent to judge discourage you from going ahead with a plan you believe in.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Plans for domestic improvements may have to be shelved for the time being, but they are not really as urgent as you imagine.

YOUR BIRTHDAY: If this is your birthday, your hopes for a better future should begin to materialise this year.

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

The Squirrel-Dentist

—Willy Is Bigger Than Ever With His Patients—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names, were halfway in the park when all at once they stopped. For off to one side of the path, stretching from the Oak Tree to a broad Chestnut Tree, were a whole line of Squirrels—large ones, small ones, old ones, young ones, grey ones and here and there a reddish one.

Nineteen squirrels

"Nineteen of them," announced Hanid, after she had counted them. "Why are they all waiting there, I wonder?"

Knarf wondered, too, so they both walked up to the nineteenth Squirrel in the line—he was a reddish one—and asked him what he was doing.

"Waiting to get my teeth cleaned," said the reddish Squirrel.

This seemed odd. But by this time Squirrel No. 18 and Squirrel No. 17 had turned around, and nodded and said that they were also waiting to have their teeth cleaned.

Same reason

Pretty soon all the other Squirrels in the line were saying that they were waiting on the line for the same reason: to get their teeth cleaned.

"And I wish the Dentist would hurry up," said Squirrel No. 19. "I've been waiting here since early this morning."

This seemed stranger and stranger. For not only Knarf and Hanid, but every Squirrel getting their teeth cleaned, but they had never heard of a Dentist for Squirrels.

"His office is just inside the hollow trunk of this Oak Tree," said Squirrel No. 2.

Knarf and Hanid walked up to the head of the line. They were now able to see a small sign tacked to the trunk of the tree.

It read:

Dr. Willy Toad Squirrel-Dentist

"Just imagine that!" Hanid exclaimed. "Willy's become a Dentist!"

"Willy's always turning into something new!" said Knarf.

This was true. Since the time that Knarf and Hanid knew Willy, he had been a Tailor, a Grocer, a Farmer, a Barber, a Sailor, a Shoemaker—and now a Dentist!

Just then a Duck came waddling up with a small Duck at her side. The small Duck had a bandage wound around her bill.

"Pardon me, please," the large Duck was saying as she pushed forward. "My little girl has a toothache. Doctor Toad!" she called out. "We've got to see you right away!"

Knarf and Hanid were now pleased to get a glimpse of their friend Willy. He was dressed in a white coat.

He'll see duckling

"Ah, my poor girl," he said, as he patted the little Duck on the top of her downy head, "so you've got a toothache, have you?"

"Owl!" bawled the small Duck.

"If none of you Fellows and Girls mind," said Willy to the long line of waiting Squirrels, "I'll see this little Duckling first."

None of the Squirrels said that they minded. So Willy started back into his office with the small Duck.

"Hello, Willy!" Knarf and Hanid called.

However, Willy was gone before he had time to notice them.

Knarf and Hanid were wondering whether to wait until Willy got finished with all his patients when suddenly, hardly a minute later, Willy came out with the large Duck and the small Duck.

Sounded angry

Willy sounded angry as he said:

"My dear Mrs. Duck, your daughter hasn't got a toothache! She can't have a toothache! She hasn't got any teeth to have a toothache with. She's got some other kind of ache. Take her to a Doctor."

Knarf and Hanid had a long talk with Willy later in the day, after he was all through with all his Squirrel patients.

"I like being a Dentist," he said. "Squirrels are always hurting their teeth cracking nuts, but they go right on doing it just the same."

"How can they crack nuts?" Knarf asked Willy.

"They haven't got nut crackers," said Hanid.

"I fix their teeth as quick as they hurt them," said Willy. "And I help to keep them clean, too."

Have no teeth

"But I do wish that Birds and Frogs and Butterflies would stop coming to me to have their teeth fixed. Everyone knows they haven't got any teeth."



"Your daughter should see a Doctor," Willy told Mrs. Duck.

"Neither have you any teeth, Willy," said Hanid.

"I know it," said Willy. "But who ever said that a Dentist had to have any teeth?"

JACOBY on BRIDGE

JUST in case some reader does not know, I will explain it briefly. In Blackwood a four-trump bid asks partner to show his aces quantitatively. Five clubs shows no aces or four aces; five diamonds shows one ace; five hearts, two aces; and five spades, three aces.

The four no-trump bidder can also ask for kings by bidding five no-trump at his next turn. Here the response is six clubs for no kings; six diamonds for one; six hearts for two; and six spades for three. With four kings you bid six no-trump, not six clubs.

Today's hand shows a most intelligent use of Blackwood. Of course, it doesn't take any

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Q—The bidding has been:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

You, South, held:

♠ A K J 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♠ A 10 8 3 2 ♠ 10 4 3 ♠ K 9 8

What do you do?

A—Pass. You aren't too sure that you like this two heart contract, but you have no further bids.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Instead of repeating one of your partner's bids, you made your partner bid two clubs and again gave to two hearts over your two diamond bids. What do you do?

tremendous bridge knowledge for South to ask for aces after his partner's diamond opening and spade jump.

It also was rather automatic for South to ask for kings after North showed all three missing aces.

However, when North bid six clubs to deny holding even one king it did take some considerable intelligence for South to realize that his grand slam bid was in order. His reasoning was that if North could bid that strongly without any king, he would have to hold a very good diamond suit and the grand slam would be safe.



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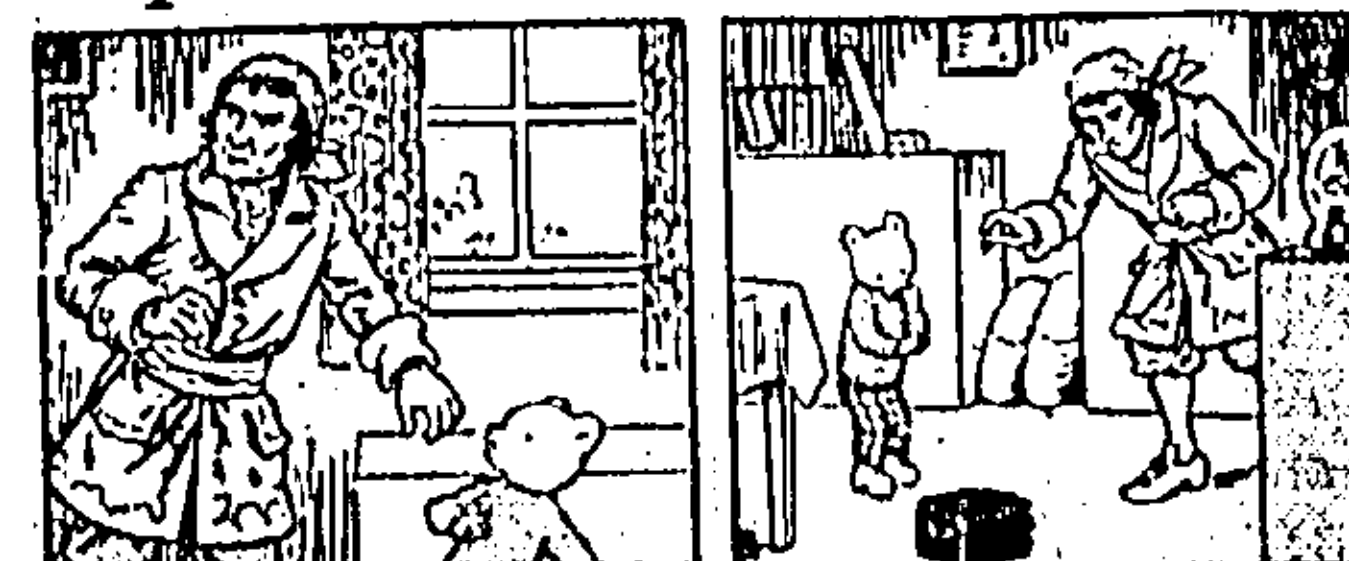
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Rupert and the Purple Star—28



Rupert is startled and scared by the stranger's sudden appearance. "Oh please, I'm a friend of Sam's," he quavers. "And I called to see him because he asked for something from the seaside and..." But the other does not seem to be listening. Still frown-

ing he peers keenly around. He looks without surprise at the dead starfish, then rushes towards the iron box. "That's it, that's it!" he hisses. "Cap'n. Morgan's carpenter. Old Jim, owned that box. Many's the time I've seen it. Now it's mine!"

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Combined Services too strong for visiting FEAF rugby XV

The Hongkong Combined Services beat the visiting Far East Air Force rugby team by 16 points (two goals, one dropped goal and a try) to six (two tries) at the Club Stadium last night and were good value for their victory.

Having said that the Services won on their merits, let me spare a word of sympathy for the airmen from Singapore, who, having been transported from the Tropics only yesterday, were very obviously suffering the effects of the severe drop in temperature.

Cold fingers led to many dropped passes and the visitors rarely moved in unison with the ball passing along the line. Full marks went to the FEAF boys for never giving up. A chilly wind greeted spectators and players alike on arrival at the ground, although for the former the band of the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers in their scarlet tunics was a warming sight.

Scrappy

The game itself got under way quite promptly and was, for the majority of the first half, of a very scrappy nature.

By half-time, the FEAF full-back was coolly into the picture with some good kicking which kept the Services in their own half for the first ten minutes or so, except for the odd breakaway as Roberts showed touches of class in the centre. Slinger, with a long kick and a hard chase, caught MacDonald in possession near his own twenty-five and forced the Services back after one such by MacDonald, however, made amends with a long kick to touch from a penalty awarded soon after.

Back came the airmen and, although dropped passes spoiled many promising movements, so did line tackling by the Services centres and wing-forwards.

However, FEAF did have the first opportunity to open the scoring when Bryant with a good kick showed the wrong side of the right hand post from thirty-five yards.

Woke up

Back to the other end the play swung once more, and Bryant went close again with a good kick at goal with a penalty taken from a much wider angle.

At this stage the Services pack suddenly woke up and started to get more of the ball, both at the lineout and in the tight.

A fine piece of concerted forward play led by Dixon, Whalley and Raw took play back to the FEAF twenty-five following a lineout in the Services area.

Again the airmen fought back, and this time to good effect as Burbridge snapped up a bad

pass-back from a defender and raced over to touch down near the posts. Bryant inexplicably missed the kick and the airmen were in the lead.

FEAF pressed hard at the resumption, but the Services gained ground and relieved pressure with a line run by Climo.

Suddenly the Services came to life and a break by the centre took play to the FEAF goal-line.

Here the Services gained the quick heel that the spectators were clamouring for and after a few despatching tackles Whalley grounded in the corner to even the score.

MacDonald put the Services into the lead with a fine kick. Roberts threatened the airmen's line once more before the referee called a halt for the half-time break.

Piece of team-work

Services started the second half with a tremendous burst involving at least a dozen players as the ball was switched from left to right and back again to the centre. Burbridge was a determined runner, gained the try, which came so soon after the resumption that it was missed by many spectators who visited the Club-house for a warming drink at half-time.

MacDonald with another good kick ensured maximum points for his side from a fine piece of team-work.

The airmen decided that they would take the ball with the first half, and consequently were of much greater danger in their raids on the Services' line. But they did not quite have the power behind the scrum to break away from the very good Services defence.

MacDonald saved his side time and again with his sure handling and long touch-kicks, whilst Thompson's covering was of the highest order.

Finally the Services broke away from a period of pressure

on their line and the ball reached Roberts. Giving a quick pass to Ballie he raced behind his team-mates to take the return and give the airmen in which to move. The ball ran until hummed in, and then kicked across. His kick ricocheted to Burbridge who crashed between two would-be tacklers and headed off for the line.

By sheer speed he ran away from MacDonald and then outpied the cover defence to score a try in the left hand corner of the field after a 70-yard run. The kick failed and play at the restart was pushed back to the airmen's line.

Drop kick

A good heel raw Roberts with plenty of time to spare and a drop kick, soaring between the posts to increase the Services' lead.

Sims, the Services scrum-half, had to leave the field for treatment and MacDonald moved to scrum-half. He was soon back, however, and the Services celebrated his return promptly. Riddle made the break, Ballie gave a short pass to Roberts and the centre dived over the line half-way to the goal to complete the scoring. MacDonald missed the kick.

Try as they might the FEAF boys just could not break through a stubborn defence and the referee, Mr Davis, blew for time with play milling around in mid-field.

The airmen were best served by Burbridge on the wing and Brennan, Thomas and McMahon in the pack. Slinger, at the base of the scrum, threw out a good pass but I thought his partner Fearley stood at too deep an angle especially against the Army wing-forwards, Whalley and Thompson, who were so fast to the man that at times it must have been "touch and go" for an off-side decision. There are

By "PROP"

some more than useful players in this period of the touring party, and given warmer weather on Saturday they should show us quite much better rugby than what we saw from them tonight.

The star

For the Services, the star in my opinion was undoubtedly Roberts. He is a very fine runner, and is that "rare bird" in Colony rugby circles as far as centres go—he seems to forget his kicking except in the last resort!

Ballie, the other centre although a little overshadowed by Roberts played well, and it must be quite a long time since so much "pounding" was seen in the centre in the Colony!

MacDonald played his usual type of game, always a full-back to inspire confidence, and Whalley, Dixon and Thompson formed a pretty devastating back row.

A special word of praise goes to Raw who shone in the loose and gained more than his fair share of the ball in the tight.

The halves were none too happy together as Sims showed a tendency to run with the ball and when he did pass, Riddle had little room in which to move. However, they both managed a great deal individually, and Riddle's kicking proved invaluable on quite a number of occasions.

To sum up, this game was not a classic, but rather a hard fought game between two fairly well matched sides. In spite of the score! The visitors must have been badly handicapped by the sudden climatic change, as well as the hard ground and light, bouncing ball which made their attempts at handling even more difficult.

The teams

FEAF: Bryant, Burbridge, London, Morgan, Williams, Fearley, Slinger, Chownes, Seaton, McMahon, Brennan, Thomas, Probert, Parcell, McKay.

Hongkong Combined Services: MacDonald, Gee, Brilla, Roberts, Climo, Riddle, Sims, Richards, Raw, Jones, Edwards, Williams, Whalley, Dixon, Thompson.

Floyd Patterson named as Boxer of the Year

Providence, Dec. 29.

World heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson was today named Boxer of the Year by the National Boxing Association.

"Patterson's historic feat in being the first to regain the heavyweight title made his choice unanimous among the committee," said Tony Petronella, chairman of the NBA's Ratings Committee.

The 25-year-old Patterson became the first to rule the heavyweight division a second time with his five-round knockout of Sweden's Ingemar Johansson in their second clash at the Polo Grounds last June 20.

Another illustrious ringman, Sugar Ray Robinson, was designated as his boxer-of-the-month for December.

Robinson, who last year was deprived of his middleweight championship for his failure to comply with its order to defend the crown in a stipulated time, won the distinction for his strong performance in fighting a draw with Gene Fullmer in their middleweight title match on December 3, and for his victory over Italian lightweight Giordano Campari.

Fullmer is recognised as the world middleweight champion by the NBA and Campari won prominence for his triumph over world lightweight champion Joe Brown in their non-title match in Milan, Italy.

Also cited for top performances during December were middleweight Peter Mueller of Germany for his triumph over Luis Rodriguez of Cuba, lightweight Doug Veillant of Cuba for his decision over Len Matthews, lightweight Jessa Bowdler for his upset of Willie Pastano, and Benny "Kid" Paret of Cuba for a successful defence of his welterweight crown against Federico Thompson of Argentina.—AP.

Terry Downes arrives in U.S. for title bout

New York, Dec. 29.

Terry Downes, the British middleweight champion, arrived here by air from London last night to prepare for his fight against Paul Pender for the New York Athletic Commission's version of the world title in Bostox on January 14.

Accompanied by his wife, Barbara, their 17-month-old daughter Wendy, and his father, Downes was to leave later tonight for Baltimore, where he plans to spend four or five days with his sister, Mrs Sylvia Hines, who is married to an American lorry driver.

Downes said he weighed 11 stone 10 pounds and had shed four pounds before the fight on January 14 but he would "just loosen up a little and do roadwork" in Baltimore before going on to Boston.—China Mail Special.

NOTICE

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

6th Race Meeting 1960/61

Owners are reminded that Declarations of starters and riders for the First Day close at the Secretary's Office, Happy Valley, at 10.00 a.m. on—

Sunday, 1st January, 1961.

By Order of the Stewards,

A. E. ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 23th Dec, 1960.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB 6TH RACE MEETING

Monday 2nd and Saturday 7th January, 1961

(To be held under the Rules of The Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 10 RACES

(There will be 10 races on the 1st Day and 8 races on the 2nd Day) On the 1st Day the First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon. The Tiffin interval will be after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.).

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No person without an Admission Badge will be admitted. Admission Badges must be prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$25.00 each per day are obtainable only on the written introduction of a Member. Admission Badges may be obtained during office hours from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square), 5, D'Aguiar Street, 382 Nathan Road, North Point and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon. ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE ON SALE AT THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

Members, Ladies wearing Ladies Brooches, and their Guests must enter the Members Enclosure by the entrance to the Members Stand.

Members wishing to proceed to Club Boxes on the 4th and 5th Floors of the new Public Stand must do so from the 2nd Floor of the Members Stand, using the lift or stairs.

Apart from the foregoing, Members, their Ladies, and Members Guests are not permitted to enter the Public Enclosure and Stand.

NO CHILDREN under the age of seventeen years (Western Standard) will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$10.00 each per day payable at the Gate. Admission Badges will be issued and they must be prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

On the 1st Day any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$10.00 in order to gain re-admission with the exception that any person who wishes to leave the Enclosure for lunch and obtain re-admission, must leave and return between the hours of 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m., when they will be re-admitted on production of their Public Stand badge for that day.

On the 2nd Day any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$10.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be available in the RESTAURANT.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$20.00 each for the 1st Day, \$10.00 each for the 2nd Day and \$30.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square); 5, D'Aguiar Street and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, during office hours.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 30th December, 1960, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Special Cash Sweep Tickets on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 4th March, 1961, at \$2.00 each and Cash Sweep Tickets at \$2.00 each for the last race of this meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club.

The office hours of the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club are as follows:—

Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square) and 5, D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong:—

Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th December 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th December CLOSED

Monday 2nd January 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Saturday 7th January 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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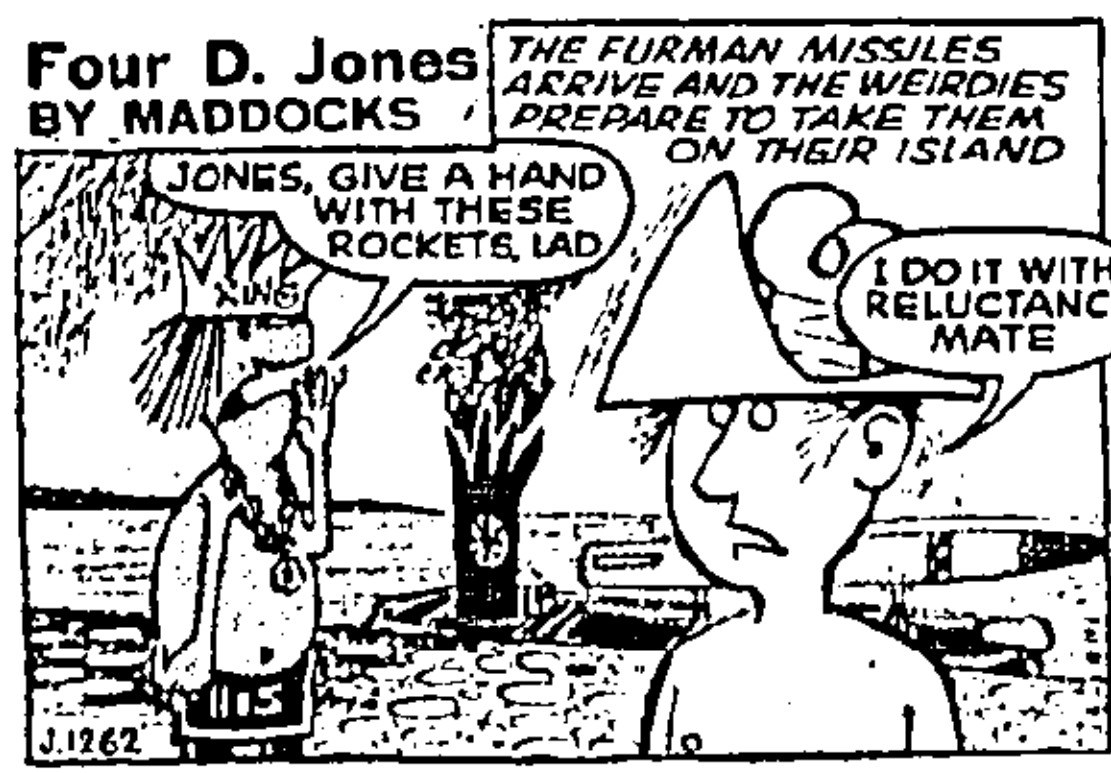
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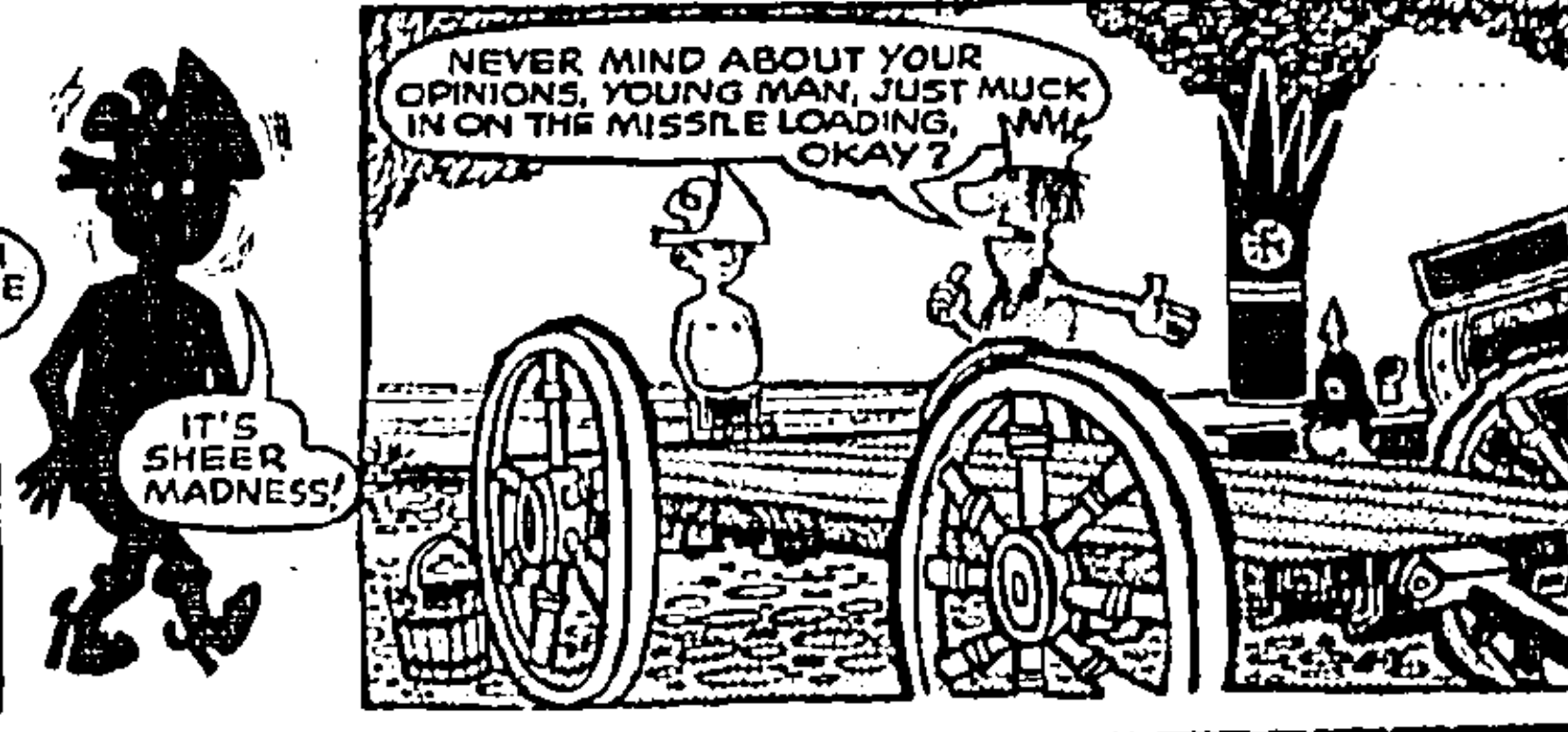
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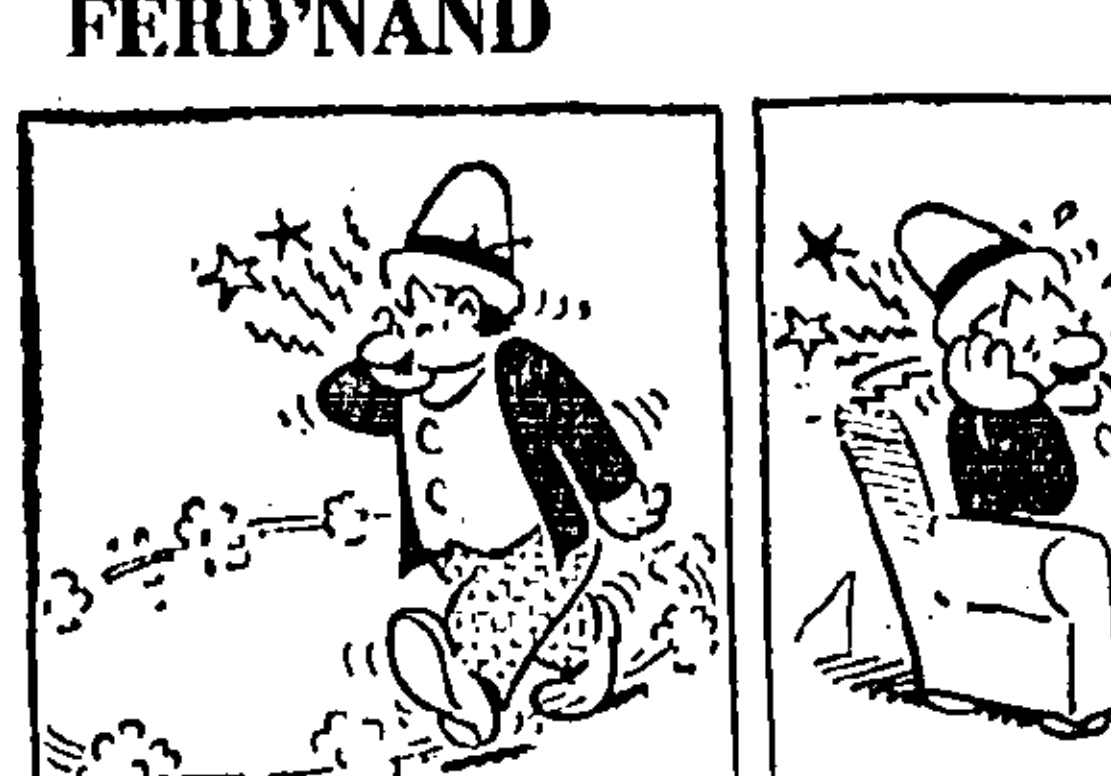
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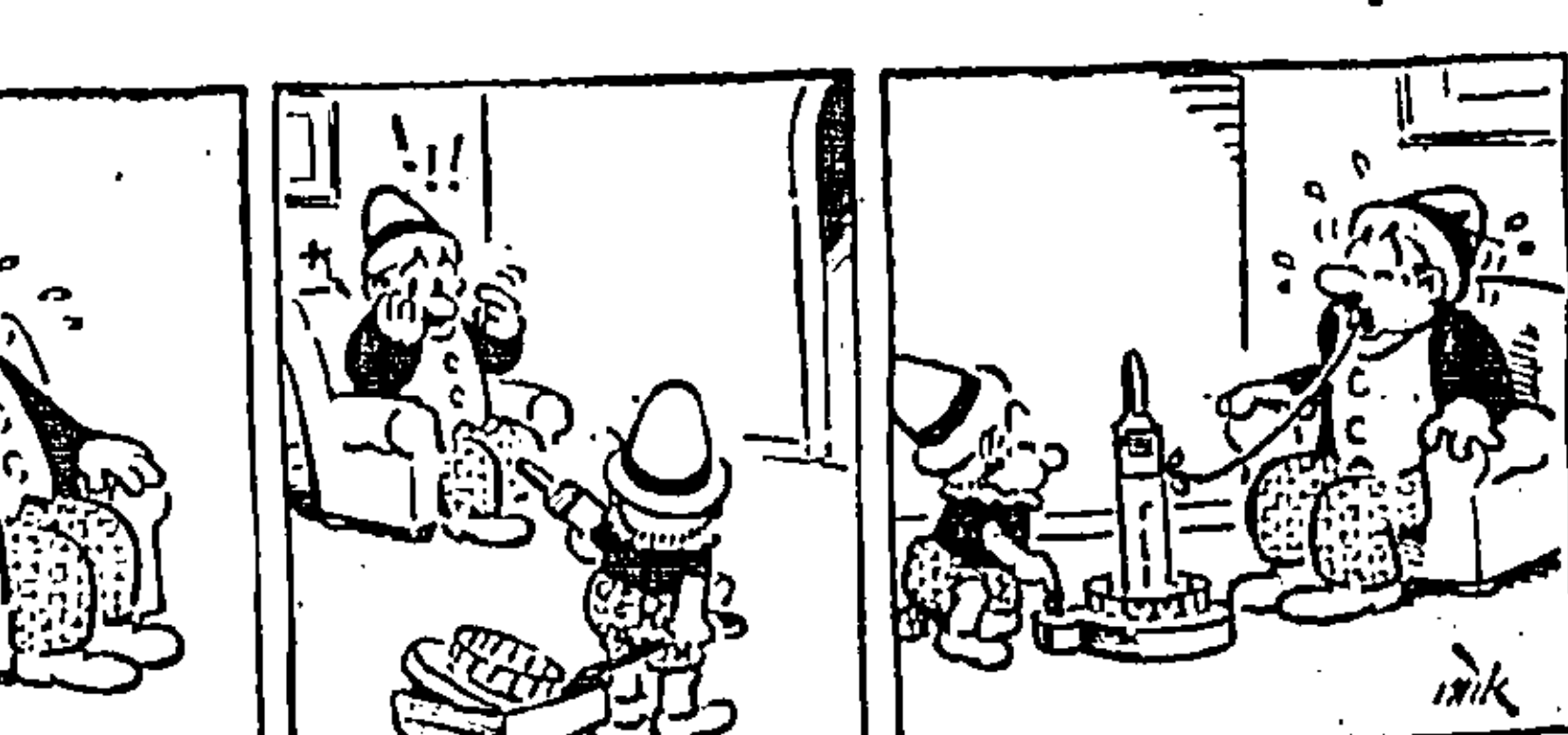
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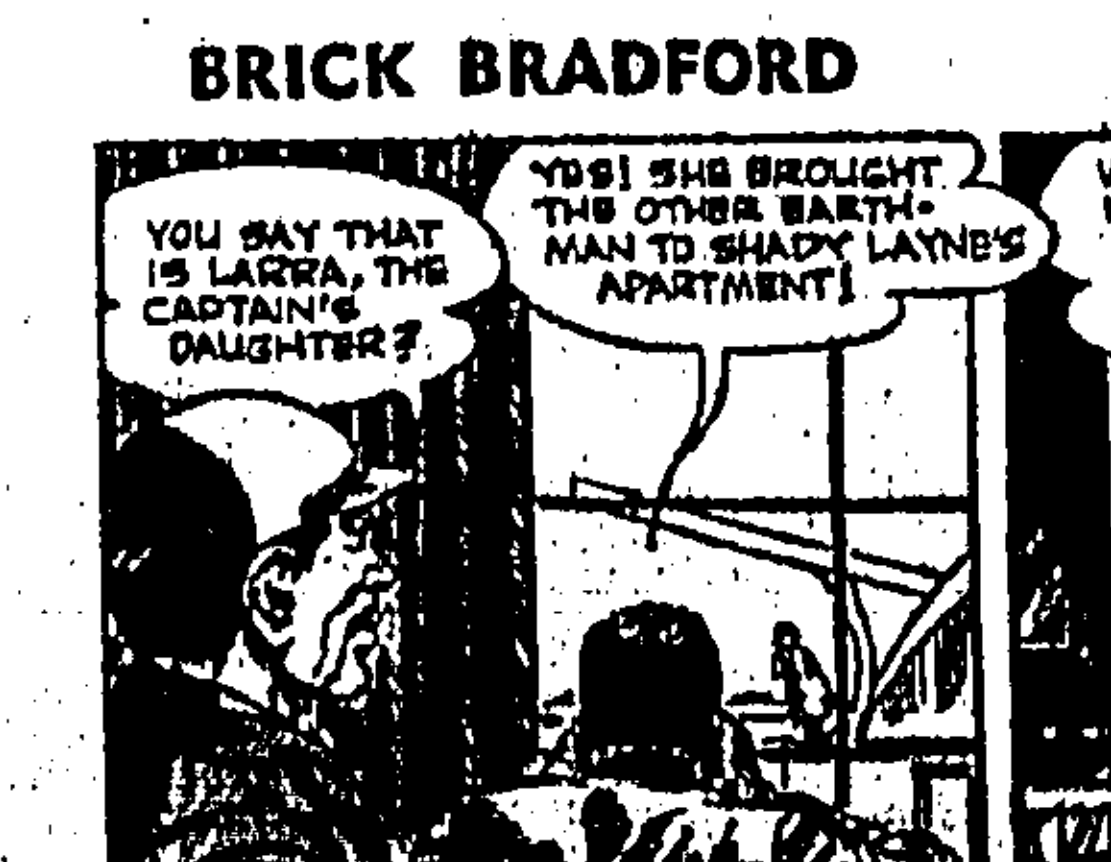
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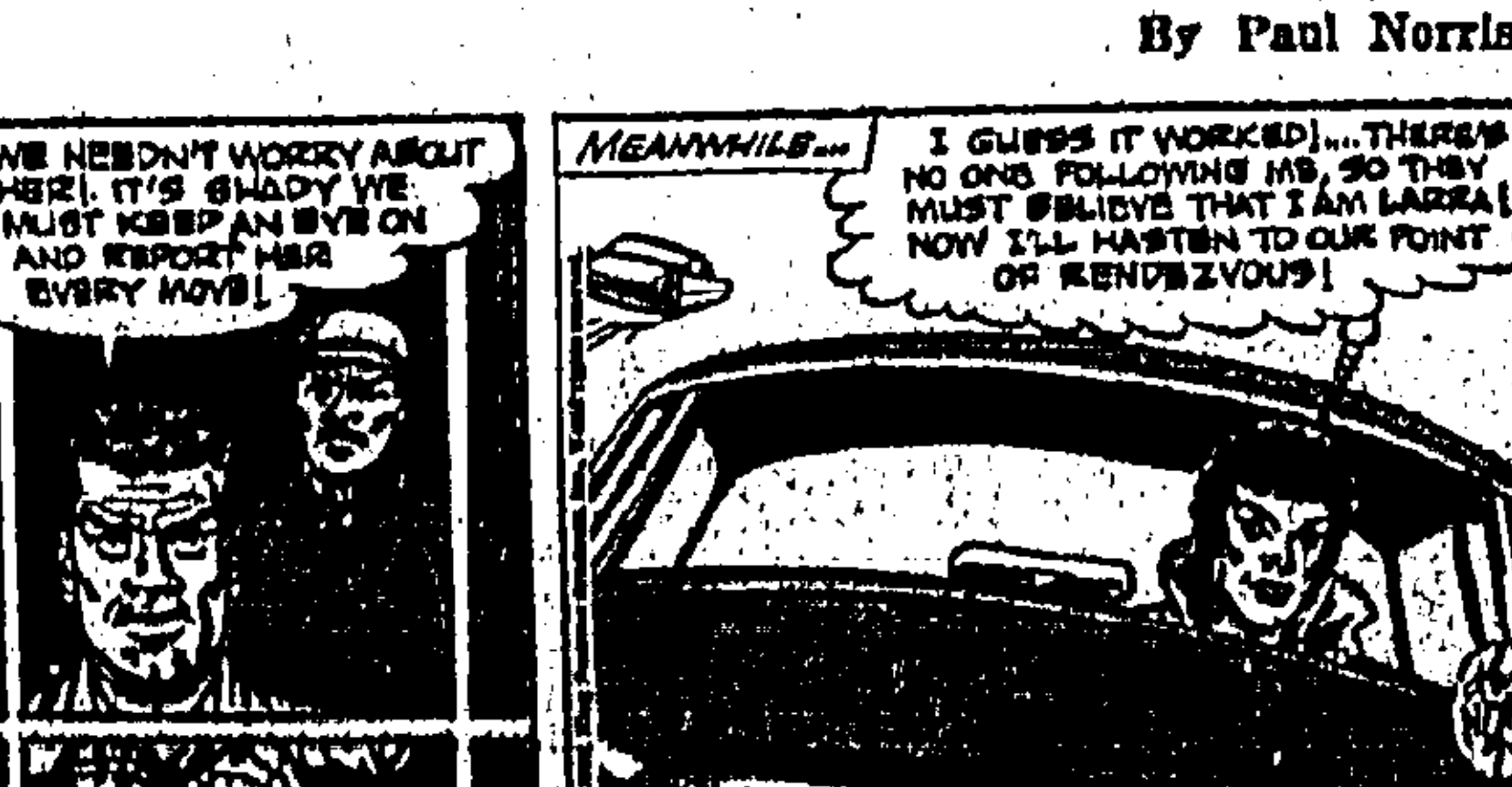
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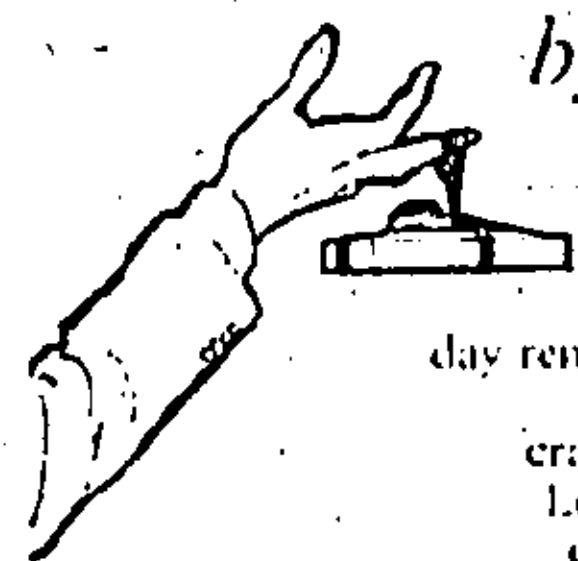
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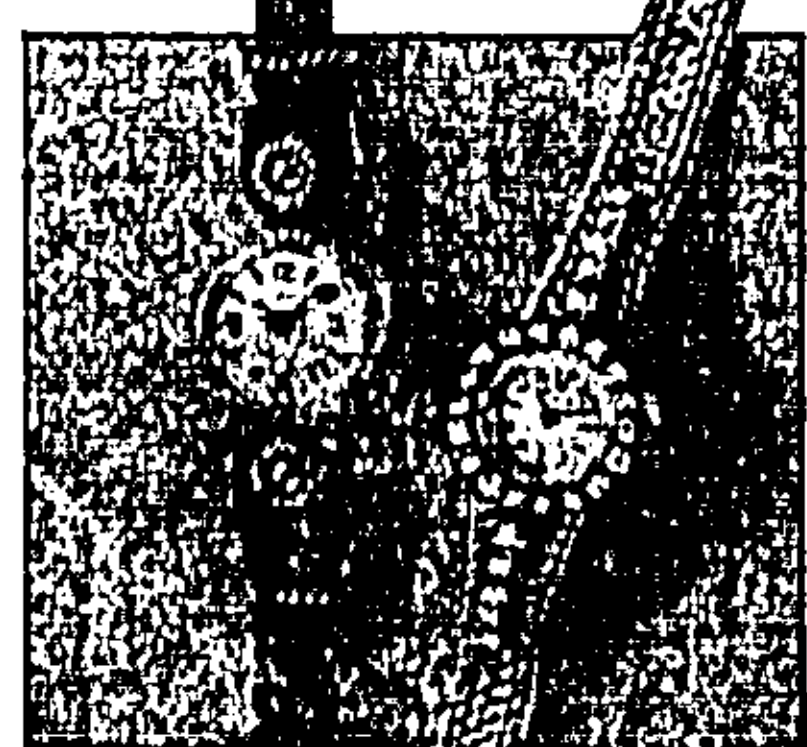
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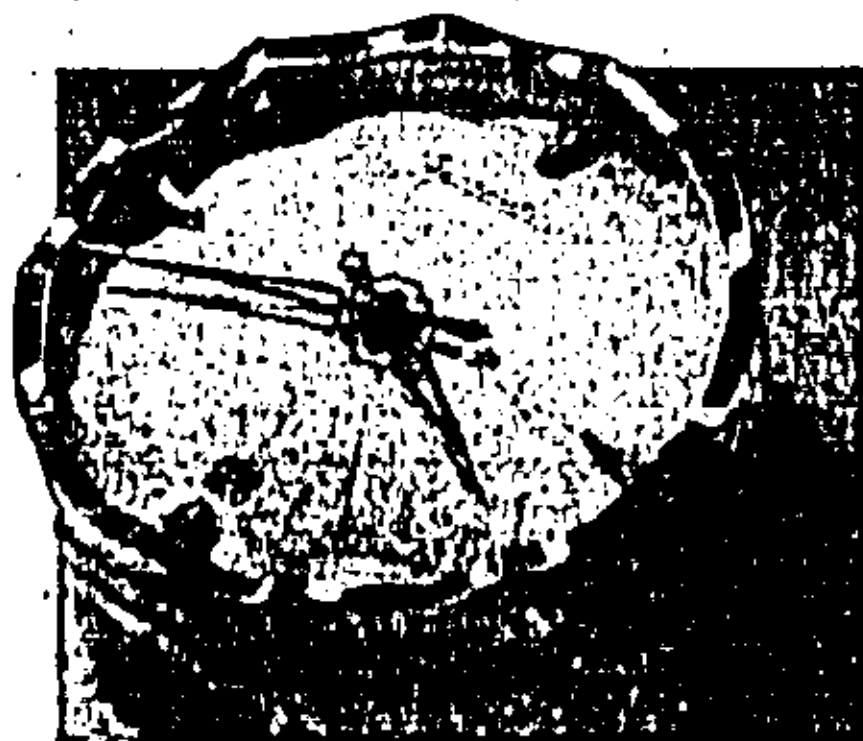


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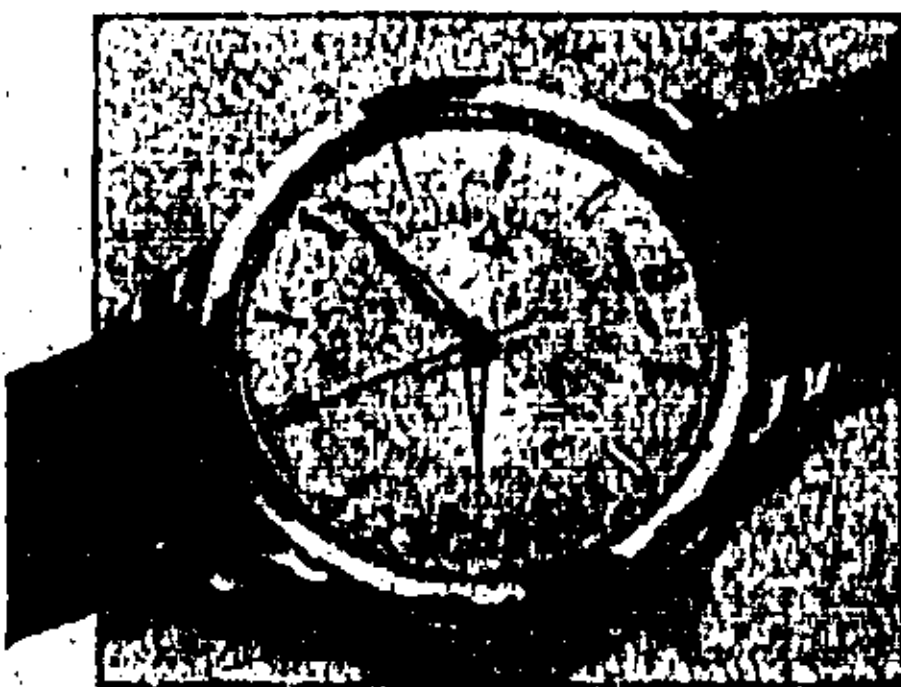


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London film writers view HK film CRITICS RAP OUR NANCY

Suzie Wong was 'Bore of the Month'

By ANTHONY FULLER

The reports are in from the London premiere of "The World Of Suzie Wong," and... Oh dear!

A fortnight ago, I asked you to keep your fingers crossed for Nancy Kwan, our local girl, playing the starring role in the film. Maybe you forgot, maybe you double-crossed them. At any rate, the good luck I wished her on your behalf was not enough. Read the reports for yourself.

Says Leonard Moxley of the Daily Express: "As a film, 'The World of Suzie Wong' qualifies for the title of Bore of the Month."

One sentence later, he says: "I started yawning over Nancy Kwan after the first ten minutes." Nor does Dillys Powell of the Sunday Times make us feel any more cheerful: "If I had to judge the piece on its narrative and characterisation I should say it was infantile, even for an ever-the-twin-shall-meet film—though if Miss Kwan were to abandon playing in the style of an amateur table-tennis team I might break down and merely call it crack-normal."

Unkindest

Dec Wells comes along with the unkindest cut of them all: "... I found this sentimental never-never-land slush about a street girl turned nice girl so offensive to whatever rational intelligence I can boast that I nearly walked out."

Later in the same article, speaking of the portrayal of Suzie Wong: "And she herself, played by Nancy Kwan, is a vision of virgin prettiness. A bit too pretty for the role. And certainly too virginal for a sad little orphan who had been on the streets since the age of ten."

"And of the film as a whole: 'I've seen a lot of feather-brained films in my time, but this one really takes the cake.' We all said Nancy Kwan was lucky when she obtained the role of Suzie Wong, first held by France Nuyen. Now I'm at least not so sure."



NANCY KWAN
copped the lot



FRANCE NUYEN
First 'Suzie' saved by illness

THREE NEW SAND DEPOTS —AND PRICE GOES UP

Three new sand depots will come into operation at Kwan Tong, Tai Lam Chung and Shatin as from January 1, to cope with increased demand for Government sand for building purposes.

At the same time, direct deliveries will be discontinued.

The price of sand supplied by Government for building purposes is being increased from \$8 to \$9 a cubic yard ex-depot as from the New Year.

To meet recent complaints about quality, arrangements have been made to increase greatly the capacity of the contractor's washing and screening plant, and washed and screened sand will be available at all depots from Jan. 1.

Set herself up as a doctor

A 36-year-old woman hoping to get experience in medicine and eventually the necessary qualifications, set herself up with a medical title and received payment for practising medicine, a court was told today.

The woman, Wing Lai-yung, of 703 Nathan-road, first floor, was bound over in \$1,000 for one year by Mr K. A. S. Phillips in Causeway Bay Court this morning.

Another charge of possession of part 1 poison was dismissed when the prosecution offered no evidence.

DRUGS CASE

Detective used spy-glass

A detective told the Criminal Sessions today that he had used a telescope to observe a house in Deepwater Bay where heroin is alleged to have been manufactured.

Detective Sub-Inspector Joseph Patrick McMahon said that earlier he had looked over the house from a slope above it, but the windows were all covered with blinds and he could not see inside.

The house is situated at 10 Shouson Hill-road.

Four men are charged with manufacturing heroin there. They and a woman are also charged with being in possession of heroin and assisting in the management of a place where the drug was stored.

Det. McMahon said that after observing the house with a telescope, he and other detectives had gone there on Oct. 9.

NO ONE ANSWERED

They had surrounded the house and when no one answered their knocking, they broke in. He said he found the five defendants in the house, where there was a strong smell of ether.

The Crown alleges that the defendants were in possession of 19 lb of heroin.

The four men are Hui Yik-ho, 29; Chui King, 38; Chau Kwong, 38; and Chan Ping-kul, 41. The woman is Lam Mui, 41. They are represented by Mr H. B. How, instructed by Hastings & Co.

Mr Howard Hobson appears for the Crown.

The trial is being held before Mr Justice W. A. Blunt-Kerr and a jury of six men and one woman.

New Year's day

The Band of the Auxiliary Fire Service will give an open air concert on New Year's Day, at the MacPherson Playground, Kowloon, from 3 pm to 5 pm provided the weather is favourable. Free seating accommodation will be available.

His gold was only copper

A 31-year-old unemployed man, Wong Tat Man, who produced a copper bar and claimed it to be "a gold bar from Thailand" to obtain \$500 from his neighbour, was sentenced to 18 months in jail by Mr I. M. S. Donnell in North Kowloon Court this morning.

Wong pleaded guilty to obtaining money by false pretences.

Sub-Inspector G. M. Dorman said that the complainant, Li Ching and Wong lived at No. 1 Dianthus-road ground floor.

Man charged with \$800 theft

A barber, Wong Man of 28, of 53, Wong Cheuk-street, ground floor, appeared before Mr T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court this morning on housebreaking charges.

He was alleged to break into the dwelling of Mr Ho Ying-chun at 131, Wanchai-road, 10th floor where he stole two valuable watches, platinum ring and bracelets, and a wallet with \$57 in cash, totalling \$837.

He was remanded to January 3, next year.

From the Files

25 years AGO

December 1935

Extract from the SCM Post's 25 Years Ago Column: "Among the many functions which are given during the festive season one of the most enjoyable is the annual dance given by our local guardians of the peace."

"The whirligig of time brings many changes, yet year after year the hospitality dispensed by the members of the Hongkong Police Force finds little change. The same hospitality and genial bonhomie which characterise the members of the force when off duty was as noticeable last night at the ball as when engaged in their open-air pastimes. The decorations were simple but effective, consisting principally of flags, evergreens and pot plants, and in the hands of Sergeants Wilson and Stuart, were most tastefully carried out."

"St. George's Hall was reserved for dancing, supper being served in St. Andrew's Hall, while the other room adjoining St. George's Hall and the verandah were made extremely comfortable for sitting out."

Adjoining these rooms was the card room and beyond that the bar. To the strains of excellent music supplied by the band of the 13th Rajputs, under the baton of Bandmaster Coke, dancing was kept up with vim until a late hour. Chief Inspector Baker was the President of the ball committee."

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